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41 years ago, assassin's bullet ended Dr. King promise-driven life

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The date was April 4, 1968. The place was Memphis, Tenn.

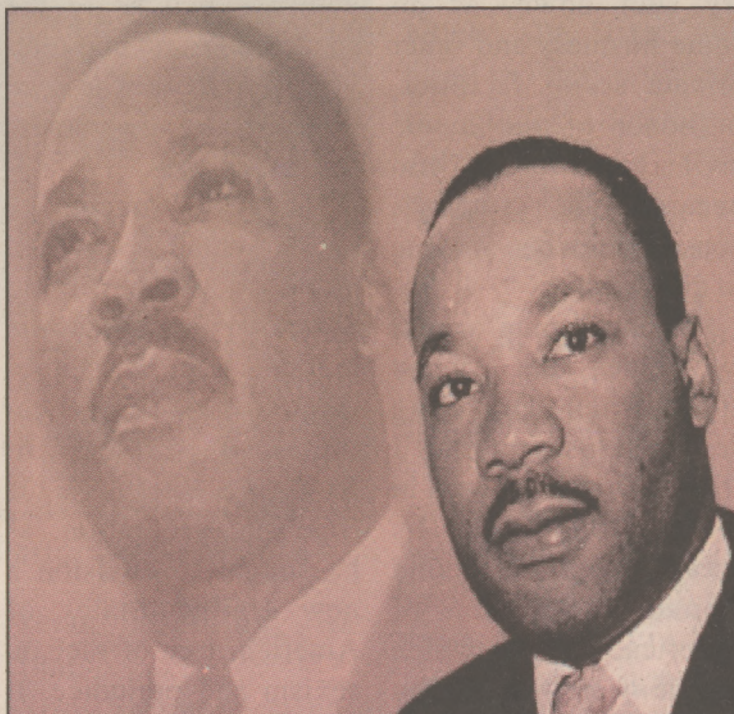
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, was standing on a motel balcony in Memphis, with Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Shuttlesworth and others.

Suddenly, a shot rang out. Seconds later, the most powerful voice in the Civil Rights Movement had been stilled. What jail, intimidation and harassment

had failed to do, an assassin's bullet had accomplished.

Dr. King had traveled to Memphis to support a strike by sanitation workers. As word spread that he had been killed, bloody riots erupted across the country. Ironically, the death of the man whose name was synonymous with nonviolence in the United States had unleashed an orgy of violence and destruction.

On Saturday, from Indianapolis to other cen-



Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

ters across the country, observances were held to mark the 41st anniversary of Dr. King's assassination. This has become an annual event. The anniversary is a reminder of a tumultuous time in American history and politics, magnified by discontent over civil rights and the Vietnam War. Sen. Robert Kennedy, then a leading Democratic presidential candidate, was campaigning in Indiana when news of the King assassination was broadcast.

Domestic violence an issue all year round



Tameka Huff

By Jeannine Lee Lake

The Muncie Times

Domestic Violence Awareness Month isn't until held until

October, but the issue is one that should be talked about throughout the year, local community leaders say.

Whether it's discussions about the terrifying beating of singer Rihanna by boyfriend Chris Brown or the tragic death involving Muncie resident Tameka Huff on March 28, domestic violence is an issue that deserves front-page coverage, but not only when the issue ends in a public beating or horrific shooting.

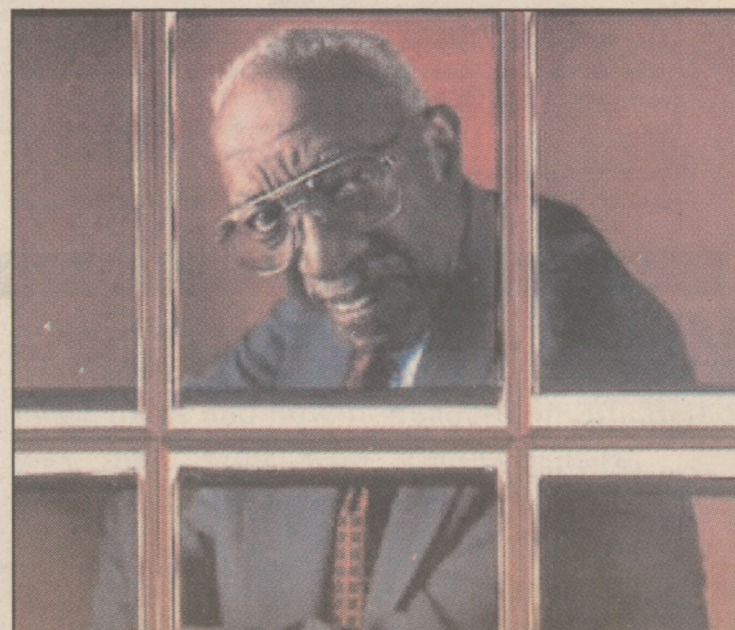
Teresa Clemmons, Director of A Better

Way, spoke about the importance of educating both adults and teenagers about domestic abuse. She said many teenagers - no matter what race - often deal with the problem in silence, being hit, shoved, or threatened routinely. A Better Way attempts to help women who find themselves being abused, providing safe housing away from the abuser.

She said Muncie is no different from any other town or city in dealing with domestic abuse, and that young

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Death claims life of renowned historian, Dr. Franklin Hope



John Hope Franklin

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RALEIGH, N.C.—Dr. John Hope Franklin, a

revered scholar and expert on African American life and former Duke University

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EDITORIAL

Dr. King is dead; however, the dream and the challenges are still here

It was 41 years ago this month that an assassin's cruel bullet ended the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of the most promising preachers this country has ever produced. It was on April 4, 1968, that Dr. King's life came to a premature end, on the balcony of a Memphis, Tenn., motel balcony. Dr. King and his colleagues had come to Memphis to support striking sanitation members. Instead, Memphis became the city where Dr. King's life was terminated.

Since 1986, Dr. King's January birth date has

become a national holiday in the United States. Federal, state, county, city offices and local schools across the country shut down, as do some business and other private sector facilities, in honor of the iconic civil rights leader who became the country's conscience when it came to civil rights.

We have come a long way since that August 1963 when Dr. King delivered his immortal "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. His dream, of a colorblind United States of America, one in which people were judged by

the "content" of their character, not the "color" of their skin, resonated with his audience at the site and with a national audience that heard the speech on radio and television or those who read it in their newspapers and magazines.

Dr. King touched a nerve when he talked about a new United States of America, one that had been stripped of racism, racial segregation and sexism. Dr. King was ahead of his time and generation, as he sought to envision a new United States of America, free of racism, sexism and prejudice. It

is the United States of America that we all envision. It is the kind of country that first lady Michelle Obama was talking about, when she was viciously attacked and verbally mugged, when she said now she was "proud" of her country, because it was willing to give her husband, Barack Hussein Obama, a chance to run for president.

Every year, we make a big deal about Dr. King's birthday. After much struggle, and despite opposition from then-President Ronald Reagan, Dr. King's birthday has become a national holiday. However, we do not seem to pay much attention to the day Dr. King died. There is much that Dr. King could have achieved, if he had not prematurely died at 39. He had already become the presumptive leader of the Civil Rights Movement. He had pricked the conscience of the nation.

He could have chosen a more sedate and more serene life. With his education and family connections, Dr. King could have entered and, succeeded in the religious, academic and corporate worlds and lived happily after that. Instead, he chose to put his life on the line, as he sought to fight for the underdog. He tossed that aside, because he wanted to

serve his fellow human beings. He became the champion of the poor, the ignorant, the undereducated, the homeless, the unemployed and underemployed. He gave new meaning to the word "service".

He was an academic, a scholar, a product of a middle-class African American family. He won a Nobel Peace Prize, the second African American to do that and the fourth person of African descent to claim that honor. He resided in very exclusive company in this world. That's why it is very important to honor Dr. King to honor him this weekend, when we think about his so-promising life that was so prematurely and so tragically ended bearthly an assassin's bullet.

His death reminds us that we're all so vulnerable. We have an obligation to do as much as we can, during our short life on this uncertain and vulnerable earth, to do all we can to make this a better world. That's what Dr. King's legacy should be about. He believed that human beings were essentially good, even though they did not always live up to their promise and their potential. The only way to honor Dr. King's dream is to try and accomplish some of the things he believed in, so we can make this a better world.

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Celebrating Bishop's 60th birthday

When Christ Temple Global Ministries Bishop S. Michael Millben was born 60 years ago, the president of the United States was Harry S. Truman, the Volkswagon bug was just introduced to the country and the illustrious Joe Louis had given up his boxing gloves.

The years have brought many changes since 1949, but Millben, a Muncie pastor, believes the best is yet to come. During a recent surprise party at CTGM, nearly 80 people gathered to celebrate Millben's 60th birthday, which occurred on March 26, 2009. The second son of (the late) George and Martha Millben, Millben was indeed caught off guard when his wife, Denise, lead him into the celebration filled with a variety of church members, longtime friends and a few of his Harley-Davidson riding buddies.

Amongst the well-wishers were Citywide Church Network Pastor George Saunders and his wife, Nancy. Saunders, who pastored at First Baptist Church for nearly a decade, told of how he took Bishop



Bishop Michael and Pastor Denise Millben

S. Michael Millben up in a plane once, causing him to turn a little "green at the gills." Saunders and Millben have worked together on many programs, both for the community and the Church, forging a bond that has helped better this city in many ways.

Son-in-law Travis Jones, married to Millben's daughter, Kizmin, joked about the time that he and Millben traveled abroad and how his father-in-law awoke from a jetlag-induced sleep to immediately began preaching a house of fire. "I mean, he literally jumped up from a dead sleep," Jones reiterated in disbelief. "I have never

seen anything like that."

Son Stephen saluted his father via video, and grandchildren Sydni and Nick were also part of the celebration. Daughter Brittany Millben became emotional when talking about how her dad always made a big deal about childhood birthdays, showing his care and love for her family by making sure they were always safe, protected and well-cared for. Calling her father a rare man with grace and character, Brittany talked of how he would spend special time with her one-on-one, calling her in to look at a new piece of technology or talking

with her about things of interest to both.

Denise Millben, who co-pastors the church with her husband, said she was proud of the man her husband is. She joked of how when she first met him, she had only tasted one kind of pie: sweet potatoe. "He said, haven't you ever had a pie with berries in it - blueberries, or even an apple pie? But I was young when I met him and we really grew up together," she said. "He has been a wonderful husband and father, and I just feel so blessed to have been able to share our life together."

Millben, who laughed as stories were told on his behalf, thanked those in attendance. He spoke of how time had flown by, and said his life had been in the hands of God. He was moved by a video created by his daughters, and later said "Looking at those pictures, you think of where you were during those times and how it was only God who brought you through."

10 Things About The Bishop

1) He pastors Christ Temple Global Ministries, which has churches in Grand

Rapids, and Venezuela. He has also preached in many other countries, including Africa, Brazil and Germany.

2) He is married to Denise Millben and has three children, Stephen, Kizmin and Brittany.

3) He rides a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and rides with several motorcycle clubs.

4) He is an artist who has created beautiful renderings for family and friends.

5) He initially studied to be a doctor before he was called to the ministry.

6) He is a graduate of Aeon Bible College

7) He has served on many local boards, including the Coalition of Concerned Clergy where he was the inaugural president.

8) His cousin is former Colts coach Tony Dungy.

9) He is a Bishop with Jabula International under the leadership of Bishop Tudor Bismark.

10) He recently recorded the introduction on the "His Voice" album by Toni Davis and Tabatha Kates.

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women need to be educated on potential abusers before they enter a relationship. Those include: a controlling/jealous nature, growing up in a home where there is violence, drug or alcohol use, owning a gun or other weapons, constantly texting, calling or "checking up," and being abusive toward another person or animals.

"There are actually several signs that we would like for women to know before they start dating," she said. "We tell them to look for signs before beginning a relationship, because, of course, it's harder to detach once you are in love, or come to care about the person."

"If you see three or four of these things before you start to date, I would say, don't go there," she said.

Clemmons said research shows that domestic violence among teens is a bigger problem than what is known. She said young women involved in an abusive relationship often hide the problem from family and friends because they believe the situation will change. Often a woman will break up and then go back with the batterer several times before she finally leaves.

"The natural instinct as a mom is to tell their daughters that they can't see the man anymore," she said. "They

don't want anyone to know because they know their families won't approve."

Regarding the high-profile assault case against brown, Clemmons said she wasn't surprised Rihanna went back into the relationship, saying that money, class and race don't change the emotional ties one has in a relationship. Often there are children, property and other issues that bind couples together, much less the emotional entanglements that would cause a woman to endure abuse.

"I don't judge women who stay or go back because I know that there are things that attach them to the person that sometimes makes it hard," she said. "We simply want to give them a chance to talk and to let them know there are options. We want them to know that no one deserves to be abused."

The death of Huff, 19, showed that Muncie is prone to such tragedies as well. In that case, 21-year-old Lewis J. McNeary has been charged with murder. He has told authorities that he and Huff were sitting in his vehicle when she grabbed his gun and was accidentally shot. He later said that Huff tried to choke him during the argument. Huff was struck in the chest by a .40-caliber bullet and was pronounced dead at Ball Memorial

Hospital.

Local community leaders have offered many prayers for Huff and McNeary's families, and may speak about the tragedy during a family revival previously planned at Terrestrial Temple Church of God in Christ. Speakers for that event will be Aspiring Minister Gary Jones II, Pastor Andre Mitchell and Elder Marwin Strong.

Muncie teacher Julie Snider said she was saddened by Huff's death. She wanted people to know that Huff was a "wonderful young woman" whose bright future was extinguished way too early. In a letter to the editor, she wrote "I had the privilege of teaching her while she was a student at Southside High School. I was horribly saddened by her death, as I am sure many others in the community were."

"Tameka had her whole future ahead of her, but had it viciously taken away. When is it going to stop? When are people going to wake up and see that life is precious? Drugs and guns are killing any chance young people have for a bright future. We need to stand up for our children and put a stop to this way of life."

Children need an education to get away from this life," she continued. "Parents, please encourage your kids to go to school and

succeed. Help them to stay in school by talking to them and giving them what they need to succeed. Then encourage them to stay away from the bad influences that are putting them in harm's way.

"I do not want any other family to go through what Tameka's family is going through right now. I do not want to lose any more children to violence. Tameka did nothing wrong, other than trust someone she probably should not have. For this, she lost her life. What a tragedy."

Clemmons, whose office does in-home visits on domestic violence, said that men who are abusers need to get long-term counseling. She said women wrongly believe that they can change men, however, "the obvious answer is that the only person that can change that person is that person. You can wish a person would change, but that person has to want it themselves. What law enforcement tells us is that it is a long process for them to truly change. They have to have a desire, they have to take responsibility for their behavior, and they have to participate in long-term counseling." For help with Domestic Abuse call the A Better Way Crisis line number at 765.747.9107

Obituary for Tameka Lee Huff

MUNCIE - Tameka Lee Huff, 19, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2009.

She was born Janaury 31, 1990 and attended Muncie Central High School. She was currently a student at Ivy Tech.

She was employed at McDonald's.

She leaves to cherish her memory her mother, Vernell Graham (stepfather, William Thomas) of Muncie; father, Samuel Huff, Sr. of Indianapolis; four brothers, Ryan Graham, Samuel Huff, Jr., Taeron Thomas and William Wright, all of Muncie; four sisters, Tequana Graham of Dayton, Ohio, Safire Thomas of Muncie, Josley E. Huff and Paqueshia Thomas of El Paso, Texas; grandmother, Vivian Graham of Dayton, Ohio; great-grandmother, Izetta Graham; grandmother, Helen M. Geter; and grandfather, Eager B. Green. A host of cousins, nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and friends.

She is preceded in death by her grandfather, Vertis Graham.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 3, 2009 at True Vine Holiness Tabernacle with arrangements by Gholar & Gholar Funeral Service

African Americans especially African American Women, suffer deadly violence

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professor, is dead. He was 94.

Born in Rentiesville, Okla. in 1915, John Hope Franklin's family lost everything in the Tulsa race riots of 1921. Prohibited from attending the University of Oklahoma, Franklin attended the historically black Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn., where he met Aurelia Whittington, who would be his wife, editor and rock for 58 years, until her death in 1999.

Franklin had planned to follow his father into law, but the lively lectures of a white professor, Ted Currier, convinced him history was his field. Currier borrowed \$500 to send Franklin to Harvard University, where he received his master's degree and doctorate. Franklin's doctoral thesis was on free blacks in antebellum North Carolina. He and his wife spent part of their honeymoon in Washington, D.C., at the Census Bureau, helping him finish his research.

The resulting work, "The Free Negro in North Carolina, 1790-1860," earned Franklin his doctorate and, in 1943, became his first published book.

Franklin later taught at Howard University, the University of Chicago and Duke.

Throughout his iconic life, Franklin was a champion for an end to racism. Along the way, he also broke many race

barriers.

He was the first black department chair at a predominantly white institution, Brooklyn College; the first black professor to hold an endowed chair at Duke University; and the first black president of the American Historical Association.

Above all, he documented how blacks had lived and served alongside whites from the nation's birth. Black patriots fought at Lexington and Concord, Franklin pointed out in "From Slavery to Freedom," published in 1947. They crossed the Delaware with Washington and explored with Lewis and Clark. The text sold million of copies and remains required reading in college classrooms.

Last week, the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) issued a condolence messages upon learning of the death of Franklin, whom it described him as an "acclaimed academic, historian and social activist."

"Dr. Franklin made a profound and permanent impact on the black community in America and he will be greatly missed," said Barbara Ciara, NABJ president. "His legacy as a witness and preserver of history have made his message integral not just to black journalists, but to all journalists today and for centuries."

During the Civil Rights Era, Franklin

helped prepare the landmark Supreme Court case for Brown v. Board of Education and he marched with Martin Luther King in Alabama in 1965.

Franklin's life was dedicated to creating and shaping a scholarship of African-American history. His perspective on the sufferings and struggles of blacks in America helped contribute to an alternative literature of American history.

Franklin's inspiration was evident at the fall 2005 Trotter Group meeting at Fisk University, with columnist members of NABJ. The historian was visiting his alma mater during the release of his autobiography, "Mirror to America" and he held 30 writers spellbound with eyewitness critiques of U.S. presidents, from George W. Bush to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Late in life, Franklin chaired President Clinton's Initiative on Race and received more than 100 honorary degrees, the NAACP's Spingarn Award and the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Born and raised in an all-black community in Oklahoma where he was often subjected to humiliating incidents of racism, he was later instrumental in bringing down the legal and historical validations of such a world.

As an author, his book, "From Slavery to Freedom," was a land-

mark integration of black history into American history. As a scholar, his research helped Thurgood Marshall win Brown v. Board of Education, the 1954 case that outlawed the doctrine of "separate but equal" in the nation's public schools.

"It was evident how much the lawyers appreciated what the historians could offer," Franklin later wrote. "For me, and I suspect the same was true for the others, it was exhilarating."

Still the one core value he never strayed from was the value of integration, as well he might since his father had left Louisiana because he had not been allowed to practice law there and had eventually settled in the all-black town of Rentiesville, Okla. In a sense Dr. Franklin's scholarship served the cause of integration, too, by blending the African American story into the broader American one. And so it was particularly satisfying when an African American realized was elected president last year.

"I didn't think it would happen in my lifetime," Franklin said, after Barack Obama's election. "It's an indication of the willingness as well as the ability of this country to turn a significant corner toward full political equality."

Over the years, he delivered State Department and United States Information Service lectures in

England, Scotland, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Spain, Yugoslavia, Turkey, Israel, Iraq, Iran, Greece, Cyprus, Pakistan, India, Soviet Union, Taiwan, Japan, People's Republic of China, Australia, New Zealand, Senegal, Ghana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Nigeria, Liberia, Trinidad, Venezuela, Brazil, Argentina, and Chile

In his honor, the John Hope Franklin Center for Interdisciplinary and International Studies opened at Duke University in 2000.

As he aged, Franklin spent more time in the greenhouse behind his home, where he nursed orchids, than in library stacks. He fell in love with the flowers because "they're 20 full of challenges, mystery," the same reasons he fell in love with history.

* In June, Franklin had a small role in the movie based on the book "Blood Done Signed My Name," about the public slaying of black man in Oxford in 1970. The book's author, Tim Tyson, said at the time he wanted Franklin in the movie "because of his dignity and his shining intelligence."

• John Hope Franklin was the James B. Duke Professor Emeritus of History, and for 7 years was Professor of Legal History in the Law School at Duke

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from family members at rates decidedly higher than for other racial groups in the United States. However, it is observed that research concerning family violence among African Americans is inadequate.

o Overall, African Americans were victimized by intimate partners a significantly higher rates than persons of any other race between 1993 and 1998. Black females experienced intimate partner violence at a rate 35% higher than that of white females,

and about 22 times the rate of women of other races. Black males experienced intimate partner violence at a rate about 62% higher than that of white males and about 22 times the rate of men of other races.

Callie Marie Rennison, U.S. Dep't of Just., NCJ 178247, Intimate Partner Violence (2000), available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/ascii/ipv.txt> o African-American women experience significantly more domestic violence than White women in the age group of 20-24. Generally,

Black women experience similar levels of intimate partner victimization in all other age categories as compared to White women, but experience slightly more domestic violence. (Estimates are provided from the National Crime Victimization Survey, which defines an intimate partner as a current or former spouse, girlfriend, or boyfriend. Violent acts include murder, rape, sexual assault, robbery, aggravated assault, and simple assault.)

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Partner Violence and Age of Victim, 1993-1999, at 4, (2001), available at

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/abstract/ipva99.htm>

o Approximately 40% of Black women report coercive contact of a sexual nature by age 18.

Africana Voices Against Violence, Tufts University, Statistics, 2002, www.ase.tufts.edu/womenscenter/peace/africana/newsite/statistics.htm

o The number one killer of African-American women ages 15 to 34 is homicide at

the hands of a current or former intimate partner.

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o In a study of African-American sexual assault survivors, only 17% reported the assault to police.

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University. He was a native of Oklahoma and a graduate of Fisk University. He received the A.M. and Ph.D. degrees in history from Harvard University.

• Franklin's numerous publications include *The Emancipation Proclamation*, *The Militant South*, *The Free Negro in North Carolina*, *Reconstruction After the Civil War*, and *A Southern Odyssey: Travelers in the Antebellum North*. Perhaps his best known book is *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African-Americans*, now in its seventh edition. His Jefferson Lecture in

the Humanities for 1976 was published in 1985 and received the Clarence L. Holte Literary Prize for that year. In 1990, a collection of essays covering a teaching and writing career of fifty years, was published under the title, *Race and History: Selected Essays, 1938-1988*. In 1993, he published *The Color Line: Legacy for the Twenty-first Century*. Professor Franklin's most recent book, *My Life and an Era: The Autobiography of Buck Colbert Franklin*, is an autobiography of his father that he edited with his son, John Whittington Franklin. His current research deals with

"Dissidents on the Plantation: Runaway Slaves."

* Franklin was active in numerous professional and education organizations. For many years he served on the editorial board of the *Journal of Negro History*. He also served as President of the following organizations: The American Studies Association (1967), the Southern Historical Association (1970), the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa (1973-76), the Organization of American Historians (1975), and the American Historical Association (1979). He has been a member of

the board of trustees of Fisk University, the Chicago Public Library, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Association.

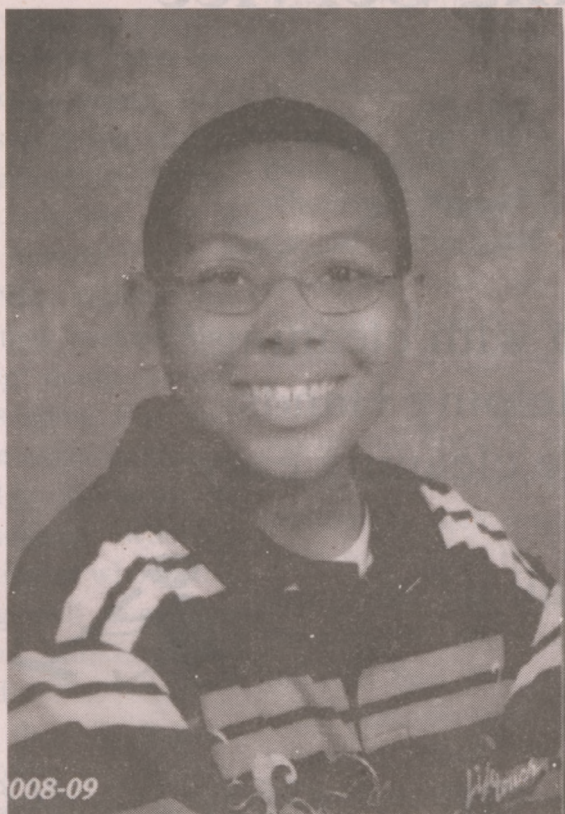
• Franklin served on many national commissions and delegations, including the National Council on the Humanities, from which he resigned in 1979, when the President appointed him to the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy. He also served on the President's Advisory Commission on Ambassadorial Appointments. In September and October of 1980, he was a United States delegate to the

21st General Conference of UNESCO.

• Franklin was the recipient of many honors. In 1978, *Who's Who in America* selected Dr. Franklin as one of eight Americans who have made significant contributions to society. In the same year, he was elected to the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. He also received the Jefferson Medal for 1984, awarded by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. In 1989, he was the first recipient of the Cleanth Brooks Medal of the Fellowship of Southern Writers.

This Week: Dominick Leflore is in the Spotlight

By Judy Mays



Dominick Leflore

Dominick Leflore is in the spotlight with a 3.5 GPA. Dominick is a fifth grade student at Garfield Elementary School and is on the AB honor roll. His favorite subject is math, although he admits that algebra is a challenge. "I meet the challenge by studying more," Dominick said.

His other interests include playing basketball and reading. He enjoyed the book *Captain Underpants*. Dominick doesn't have a favorite movie at this time but does enjoy movie watching with his family who recently watched *The*

Dark Knight.

He is most proud of his parents because he says they are hard workers. Dominick attends Mt. Olive Church of God in Christ where he is involved with the youth group. He also attends the Boys and Girls Club after school. When asked about his favorite food Dominick did not hesitate to say "fried chicken." Encouraged by his parents to always do his best, he has been told, that with a little harder work, he can be on the A honor roll and above all else he was advised by his mother 'to be your best and don't let yourself down.' Thinking of a personal achievement, Dominick said he

was very pleased with the A grade he received as an accelerated reader.

Dominick is the youngest of seven siblings. He is the son of Barbara and Emmett Leflore.

He passes on this advice to his peers: "Always be respectful. Help people, open doors, use manners and always try your best." Dominick said that he is very excited about Barack Obama as president of the United States of America. "I like it" Dominick said. "He's smart. I think he will make a good president."

T O B E E Q U A L

Some stubborn GOP governors try to deny their states benefits from stimulus package

Marc H. Morial

When President Obama signed into law the \$787 billion stimulus package, designed to bring needed relief to struggling economies and families, citizens in almost every state breathed a sigh of relief.

But, due to the misguided stubbornness of a handful of Republican governors, who are threatening to refuse stimulus funds for their states, some citizens are still waiting to exhale. While passage of the stimulus package was accomplished without much Republican support in either the Congress or among GOP governors, most federal and local elected officials now realize it is their duty to avail themselves of the essential help the stimulus package will deliver to their state budgets and constituents.

But, in an effort to score political points with their conservative base, the governors of some of the hardest-hit states, including South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Alaska, have threatened to refuse some or all of the stimulus money targeted at their states. They claim the money comes with too many strings attached or that the expansion of certain benefits is unsustainable.

At best, their ideological objections, which were thoroughly debated and defeated in Congress, are weak; at worst, they are a flimsy smokescreen for a deliberate and unconscionable dereliction of duty. In my view, refusing stimulus funds at this point would be the political equivalent of cruel and unusual punishment for millions of people who have lost jobs, life savings and homes because of the current economic meltdown.

How, for example, in good conscience could Govs. Haley Barbour of Mississippi and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana, states with billion dollar budget shortfalls and the highest poverty rates in the nation, even think about refusing stimulus funds for their constituents? Do they not think their citizens, a large portion of whom are poor and black, deserve the expanded unemployment benefits, Medicaid relief, education funds and infrastructure jobs that will flow to every other state?

While no one, including the president, is absolutely certain the new stimulus strategy will solve all our problems, millions of Americans went to the polls in November and voted to give change a chance. Would these governors deny their people that chance? Would they let their stubborn

devotion to the failed policies of the past keep federal help from reaching their people?

Would they rather lose jobs than take the money? It simply makes no sense. Fortunately, South Carolina Congressman and House Majority Whip, James Clyburn, foresaw this troubling possibility and insisted on language in the bill that would give state legislatures the power to override the dictates of governors:

"If funds provided to any state in any division

of this act are not accepted for use by the governor, then acceptance by the state legislature, by means of an adoption of a concurrent resolution, shall be sufficient to provide funding to such state."

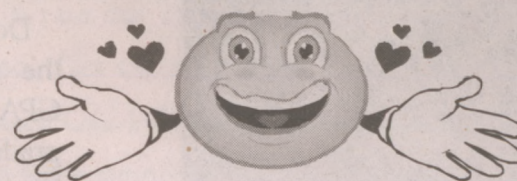
This means that the people, not their governors, have the last word. We agree.

As Congressman Clyburn has said, "No community or constituent should be denied recovery assistance due to their governor's political ideology or political aspirations."



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Kennedy bravely went to a black part of Indianapolis, where he successfully confronted angry African Americans and urged them not to dishonor Dr. King's memory and legacy by resorting to violence. Barely 3 months later, Kennedy himself was dead—victim of another assassin's efforts. Two shining lights had been extinguished within months of each other.

James Earl Ray, a white petty criminal, was soon identified as Dr. King's killer. He escaped to Canada and then Europe, but was eventually arrested in Europe and returned to Memphis to face trial.

He pleaded guilty and, under a plea agreement, was sentenced to 99 years in prison. Those who had hoped for a full-fledged trial during which details of the conspiracy and assassination would be laid out were disappointed. Even today, there are people who argue that Ray was not the killer, that he lacked the intelligence to commit such a crime by himself.

A CNN report on Sunday that looked into the King death raised questions about Ray and the single assassin theory. Since Ray is dead, it seems unlikely whether the question of who killed Dr. King will every be fully and satisfactorily answered.

In the days leading to his shooting death, Dr. King seemed to have premonitions about his coming. He talked about having been to the mountaintop and of his belief

that he would not live beyond age 39. Below is one of his more prophetic sermons, titled

"I've Been to the Mountaintop"

Thank you very kindly, my friends. As I listened to Ralph Abernathy and his eloquent and generous introduction and then thought about myself, I wondered who he was talking about. It's always good to have your closest friend and associate to say something good about you. And Ralph Abernathy is the best friend that I have in the world. I'm delighted to see each of you here tonight in spite of a storm warning. You reveal that you are determined to go on anyhow.

Something is happening in Memphis; something is happening in our world. And you know, if I were standing at the beginning of time, with the possibility of taking a kind of general and panoramic view of the whole of human history up to now, and the Almighty said to me, "Martin Luther King, which age would you like to live in?" I would take my mental flight by Egypt and I would watch God's children in their magnificent trek from the dark dungeons of Egypt through, or rather across the Red Sea, through the wilderness on toward the promised land. And in spite of its magnificence, I wouldn't stop there.

I would move on by Greece and take my mind to Mount Olympus. And I

would see Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, Euripides and Aristophanes assembled around the Parthenon. And I would watch them around the Parthenon as they discussed the great and eternal issues of reality. But I wouldn't stop there.

I would go on, even to the great heyday of the Roman Empire. And I would see developments around there, through various emperors and leaders. But I wouldn't stop there.

I would even come up to the day of the Renaissance, and get a quick picture of all that the Renaissance did for the cultural and aesthetic life of man. But I wouldn't stop there.

I would even go by the way that the man for whom I am named had his habitat. And I would watch Martin Luther as he tacked his ninety-five theses on the door at the church of Wittenberg. But I wouldn't stop there.

I would come on up even to 1863, and watch a vacillating President by the name of Abraham Lincoln finally come to the conclusion that he had to sign the Emancipation Proclamation. But I wouldn't stop there.

I would even come up to the early thirties, and see a man grappling with the problems of the bankruptcy of his nation. And come with an eloquent cry that we have nothing to fear but "fear itself." But I wouldn't stop there.

Strangely enough, I would turn to the Almighty, and say, "If

you allow me to live just a few years in the second half of the 20th century, I will be happy."

Now that's a strange statement to make, because the world is all messed up. The nation is sick. Trouble is in the land; confusion all around. That's a strange statement. But I know, somehow, that only when it is dark enough can you see the stars. And I see God working in this period of the twentieth century in a way that men, in some strange way, are responding.

Something is happening in our world. The masses of people are rising up. And wherever they are assembled today, whether they are in Johannesburg, South Africa; Nairobi, Kenya; Accra, Ghana; New York City; Atlanta, Georgia; Jackson, Mississippi; or Memphis, Tennessee -- the cry is always the same: "We want to be free."

And another reason that I'm happy to live in this period is that we have been forced to a point where we are going to have to grapple with the problems that men have been trying to grapple with through history, but the demands didn't force them to do it. Survival demands that we grapple with them. Men, for years now, have been talking about war and peace. But now, no longer can they just talk about it. It is no longer a choice between violence and nonviolence in this world; it's nonviolence or nonexistence. That is where we are

today.

And also in the human rights revolution, if some thing isn't done, and don in a hurry, to bring the colored peoples of the world out of their long years of poverty, the long years of hurt and neglect, the whole world is doomed. Now, I'm just happy that God has allowed me to live in the period to see what is unfolding. And I'm happy that He's allowed me to be in Memphis.

I can remember -- I can remember when Negroes were just going around; Ralph has said, so often scratching where the didn't itch, and laughing when they were not tickled. But that day is over. We mean business now, and we are determined to gain our rightful place in God's world.

And that's all the whole thing is about. We aren't engaged in any negative protest and in any negative arguments with anybody. We are saying that we are determined to be men. We are determined to be people. We are saying -- We are saying that we are God's children. And that we as God's children, we do have to live like we are forced to live.

Now, what does all this mean in this great period of history? means that we've got to stay together. We've got to stay together and maintain unity. You know whenever Pharaoh wanted to prolong the period of slavery in Egypt, had a favorite, favorite formula for doing

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Washington lobbying group names Kumbula-Fraser head of Constituency for Africa's board executive committee

WASHINGTON, D.C.--In an effort to reposition Constituency for Africa (CFA) to respond to the unprecedented financial crisis that is gripping the United States and much of the world, attorney Mondie Kumbula-Fraser has been named executive chair of the CFA board of directors.

In this newly created-board position, Kumbula-Fraser will chair the CFA's Governance Committee and work with the board and staff, led by its president and CEO, Melvin P. Foote, to restructure finance and management systems, rewrite organizational by-laws, and help to spur private fund raising.

Founded in 1990, CFA educates the public about Africa and builds public and private support for Africa in the United States. CFA has been in the forefront, among U.S. advocacy organizations, for nearly two decades.

Notable achievements include serving as the leading advocacy group in support of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), which was passed into law in 2000. CFA also was successful in encouraging the White House to sponsor a delegation, led by Congressman Donald M. Payne (D-N.J.) and C. Payne Lucas, former president of Africare, to assess the impact of genocide in Rwanda in 1994.

Under the leadership of former CFA chair,



Mandinema Kumbula-Fraser

Congressman Ronald Dellums, now mayor of Oakland, Calif., CFA led the effort to pass the "The AIDS Marshall Plan" legislation that addressed HIV/AIDS in Africa. The AIDS Marshall Plan eventually morphed into the \$15 billion President's Emergency Program for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), which became a hallmark of the George W. Bush administration.

There are a number of other major accomplishments that CFA has achieved over the years, including the establishment of the Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series, which takes place in the fall during the annual Washington, D.C., meeting of the Congressional Black Caucus.

CFA also pioneered the African American Unity Caucus (AAUC) in 2002. AAUC is a broad network of more than 40 organizations that working togeth-

er to help shape U.S. policies towards Africa.

In addition to her CFA duties, Kumbula-Fraser is

principal and general counsel at ETE Enterprises, where her responsibilities include legal and financial management.

ETE Enterprises provides strategic technology consulting services to government, nonprofit and private sector clients.

Elliot S. Hall, CFA's chairman said the appointment of Kumbula-Fraser will help CFA to navigate the tumultuous environment for nonprofits.

"CFA fully recognizes the commitment of the Obama administration and the U.S. Congress to improved governance. And we are aware of the challenge of raising

money to support work in Africa, when people are financially challenged in the U.S.

"As a result, we have decided to be proactive and sharpen CFA's focus, going forward."

Mandinema Kumbula-Fraser is the daughter of Dr. Tendayi Kumbula, a Ball State University journalism professor, and Barbara Kumbula, a school teacher.

More information about the Constituency for Africa can be found on the organization's website at www.cfanet.org 316 F St., NE, Suite 101, Washington, D.C. 20002, phone (202) 371-0588, Fax (202) 371-9017

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Columnist: Low-income workers should shun exorbitant Refund Anticipation

Marian Wright Edelman

Mabel Pichardo is a self-employed mother of two young children from New York City. She earned approximately \$31,000 last year, making ends meet through three different freelance jobs.

In 2008, she had her tax returns prepared for free at the nonprofit Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp. She found the workers courteous and helpful and often referred friends and co-workers to their site. But this year, a personal financial emergency caused Mabel to go to a commercial tax preparer and purchase a loan that would allow her to use some of her refund money right away.

Rapid Center, a tax preparation business in the Bronx, charged Mabel \$160 for tax preparation plus \$150 for a Refund Anticipation Loan (RAL). It would have taken Mabel about 2 weeks to receive her refund through direct deposit into her bank account if she had filed it online with free assistance from the nonprofit organization.

But because she was facing eviction, she didn't think she could wait and felt she had no choice but to purchase the loan. Mabel used most of her \$4,480 refund to pay past due rent and the rest to catch

up on bills and purchase food for her family. She certainly also could have used the extra \$310 she was forced to spend at the commercial tax preparer.

Mabel is not alone. Some commercial tax preparers take advantage of workers by targeting them for "rapid refunds" through RALs, short-term, high-interest loans that tax filers take out against their expected tax return. Tax preparers aggressively market these loans as a way to get cash fast, instead of waiting for a tax refund. Most of their customers are low-income taxpayers who need their refunds quickly to pay for basic needs.

These loans are disproportionately marketed in African American and Latino communities and offered in locations not typically used for financial services, including auto dealerships, pawn shops, and rent-to-own stores. Tax preparers advertise to filers that they can use their loan for a down payment on a car or to purchase items in the store. These loans often undermine important benefits that should be available for hard-working families playing by the rules but still struggling to stay ahead.

As the 2008 tax filing deadline approaches and millions of families



Marian Wright - Edelman

struggle in the economic recession, the Children's Defense Fund has released a report highlighting the importance of tax credits for working families and how low-income families lose billions of dollars each year to predatory commercial tax preparers.

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a refundable federal tax credit for low- and modest-income workers, is one of the most effective tools for lifting families out of poverty. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that in 2005, the EITC lifted 5 million low-income Americans out of poverty, including 2.6 million children. EITC's benefits are far reaching.

EITC and the Child Tax Credit help families make ends meet during tough economic times, improve children's well-being, and benefit our economy and communities. But it's the same workers who most need

their hard-earned income who are often sold these expensive loans. In tax year 2006, our report found low-income families lost \$3.1 billion of their EITC benefits to high-interest, short-term loans, tax preparation fees and other financial products pushed by commercial tax preparers. Community leaders need to be aware and warn against their use.

Filing alone can be confusing. So CDF and other organizations have encouraged the growth of free tax preparation sites that offer electronic filing and direct refund deposit, allowing taxpayers to get their money in 2 weeks or less, without unnecessary fees. The money saved helps families pay bills, purchase needed household items, and even save a bit. Are you eligible for the EITC or the Child Tax Credit?

Visit the Children's Defense Fund's Web site, download our report, find out if you are eligible, and locate a free tax preparer site near you. Whether or not you are eligible, you can learn how to help children escape poverty by helping working families keep more of their benefits. You also can see how much your city, county or state has lost to predatory commercial

tax preparers and how individuals, communities and policy makers can take action.

(Italics) Marian Wright Edelman, whose latest book is *The Sea Is So Wide And My Boat Is So Small: Charting a Course for the Next Generation*, is president of the Children's Defense Fund. For more information about the Children's Defense Fund, go to www.childrensdefense.org.

(Italics) Have some thoughts about this column? Tell us what you think.

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(Italics) The Child Watch Column also appears each week on The Huffington Post. Mrs. Edelman also contributes to the Politico's "The Arena" and National Journal's Health Care blog.

(Italics) The Children's Defense Fund's Leave No Child Behind® mission is to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

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What was that? He kept the slaves fighting among themselves. But whenever the slaves get together, something happens in Pharaoh's court, and he cannot hold the slaves in slavery. When the slaves get together, that's the beginning of getting out of slavery. Now let us maintain unity.

Secondly, let us keep the issues where they are. The issue is injustice. The issue is the refusal of Memphis to be fair and honest in its dealings with its public servants, who happen to be sanitation workers. Now, we've got to keep attention on that. That's always the problem with a little violence. You know what happened the other day, and the press dealt only with the window-breaking. I read the articles. They very seldom got around to mentioning the fact that one thousand, three hundred sanitation workers are on strike, and that Memphis is not being fair to them, and that Mayor Loeb is in dire need of a doctor. They didn't get around to that.

Now we're going to march again, and we've got to march again, in order to put the issue where it is supposed to be -- and force everybody to see that there are thirteen hundred of God's children here suffering, sometimes going hungry, going through dark and dreary nights wondering how this thing is going to come out. That's the issue. And we've got to say to the nation: We know how it's coming out. For when

people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory.

We aren't going to let any mace stop us. We are masters in our nonviolent movement in disarming police forces; they don't

about. And that was the fact that there was a certain kind of fire that no water could put out. And we went before the fire hoses; we had known water. If we were Baptist or some other denominations, we had been immersed. If we were Methodist, and some oth-

windows being moved by our prayers, and being moved by our words and our songs. And there was a power there which Bull Connor couldn't adjust to; and so we ended up transforming Bull into a steer, and we won=20our struggle in Birmingham. Now we've got to go on in

Somewhere I read of the freedom of speech. Somewhere I read of the freedom of press. Somewhere I read that the greatness of America is the right to protest for right. And so just as I say, we aren't going to let dogs or water hoses turn us around, we aren't going to let any injunction turn us around. We are going on.

We need all of you. And you know what's beautiful to me is to see all of these ministers of the Gospel. It's a marvelous picture. Who is it that is supposed to articulate the longings and aspirations of the people more than the preacher? Somehow the preacher must have a kind of fire shut up in his bones. And whenever injustice is around he tell it. Somehow the preacher must be an Amos, and saith, "When God speaks who can but prophesy?" Again with Amos, "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." Somehow the preacher must say with Jesus, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me," and he's anointed me to deal with the problems of the poor."

And I want to commend the preachers, under the leadership of these noble men: James Lawson, one who has been in this struggle for many years; he's been to jail for struggling; he's been kicked out of Vanderbilt University for this struggle, but he's still going on, fighting for the rights of his people. Reverend Ralph Jackson,

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know what to do. I've seen them so often. I remember in Birmingham, Alabama, when we were in that majestic struggle there, we would move out of the 16th Street Baptist Church day after day; by the hundreds we would move out. And Bull Connor would tell them to send the dogs forth, and they did come; but we just went before the dogs singing, "Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around."

Bull Connor next would say, "Turn the fire hoses on." And as I said to you the other night, Bull Connor didn't know history. He knew a kind of physics that somehow didn't relate to the transphysics that we knew

ers, we had been sprinkled, but we knew water. That couldn't stop us.

And we just went on before the dogs and we would look at them; and we'd go on before the water hoses and we would look at it, and we'd just go on singing "Over my head I see freedom in the air." And then we would be thrown in the paddy wagons, and sometimes we were stacked in there like sardines in a can. And they would throw us in, and old Bull would say, "Take 'em off," and they did; and we would just go in the paddy wagon singing, "We Shall Overcome." And every now and then we'd get in jail, and we'd see the jailers looking through the

Memphis just like that. I call upon you to be with us when we go out Monday.

Now about injunctions: We have an injunction and we're going into court tomorrow morning to fight this illegal, unconstitutional injunction. All we say to America is, "Be true to what you said on paper." If I lived in China or even Russia, or any totalitarian country, maybe I could understand some of these illegal injunctions. Maybe I could understand the denial of certain basic First Amendment privileges, because they hadn't committed themselves to that over there. But somewhere I read of the freedom of assembly.

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The Judge's Chambers

Help finally arrives for long-suffering American small businesses

By Judge Greg Mathis

The small businesses that fuel the American economy are going to get a much-needed lifeline in the form a federal initiative, designed to pour cash into the marketplace.

And it's not a moment too late.

With the news of corporate bailouts filling the airwaves, many have wondered when the little man would get his share.

President Obama announced his plans to encourage lenders to extend additional credit to small business owners with hopes that the move will stimulate economic growth. In addition to increasing loan guarantees to small businesses to 90 percent, the plan would also waive the Small Business Administration loan fees and would require banks that received federal bailout funds to report to the government on a monthly basis how many loans they made to small business owners.

Finally. Many thought the American public had been scammed. Billion dollar corporations flocked to Washington, D.C., with their hands out, begging the government to help them get their businesses on track. Once they got the help they needed, some proceeded to pay out large cash bonuses to their executives, leaving the taxpayers, who funded the bailout, scratching their heads.

There has been limited

media coverage on how the economic crisis affects the small businesses, that account for the majority of the jobs in this country.

With all of our attention focused on the crippled financial, housing and auto industries, we haven't noticed that small businesses were closing their doors, putting thousands out of work and leaving huge gaps in the communities and industries they serve.

Minority businesses, not surprisingly, are suffering

the most. As the auto industry struggles to regain its footing, the minority-owned vendors that provide parts and the black-owned car dealers that move the product, are seeing huge declines in their profits.

And so it goes in countless other industries.

President Obama's move was made just in time. Making sure banks that received tax payer-funded bailout money to strengthen their operations increased their lending to small busi-



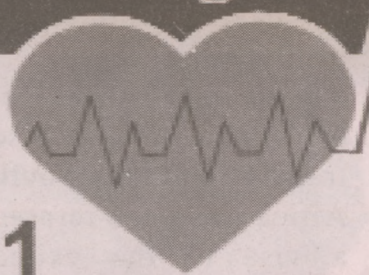
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nesses is a critical move in making sure the wealth is spread around.

Now that help has finally arrived, we should work to encourage the government to look for other ways to

help these struggling businesses. Perhaps loaning directly to small businesses, as was done with major financial institutions, would be a good next step.

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Crusading Congolese woman journalist wins Freedom prize

(GIN) -- "As a journalist, I found that Congolese women were silenced and I decided to battle for their freedom of expression."

Those were the words of Franchou (Chouchou) Namegabe Nabintu, a young radio reporter from the Democratic Republic of Congo, honored this month by the Washington, D.C.-based Vital Voices Global Partnership for bringing the voices of women survivors of sexual violence to the air and a wide audience.

From a trainee at Radio Maendeleo in 1997, Namegabe became a full-time staffer in 2002 and, a year later, founded the Association of Women Journalists of South Kivu, a region torn by fierce fighting between the mainly Hutu Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda and other rebel groups, such as the Mayi Mayi. Even the presence of the largest contingent of U.N. peacekeepers worldwide failed to guarantee the safety of women and children, she said.

She continues to be outraged at the failure of the international community to speak up for the Congolese women who have suffered unspeakable atrocities.

In 2007, she traveled to the International Court of Justice to denounce the court's failure to indict rebel leaders for rape and other sexual crimes.

Last week, Namegabe was warmly received by an overflow crowd at the Women's

E-news service in New York for her commitment to women's rights. She was joined by the Congolese Ambassador to the U.S., Faida Mitifu, and Mohamed Keita, Africa researcher with the Committee to Protect Journalists.

Sierra Leone leader warns of crackdown to curb violence

(GIN)--Violent clashes rocked Sierra Leone over the last week, prompting the country's president to warn of a crackdown on anyone involved in "acts of violence and lawlessness... regardless of political affiliation."

"I cannot stand by while ill-motivated people drag this country once more towards a state of anarchy," Koroma said.

It was the first time Koroma had addressed the growing tensions between supporters of his All People's Congress (APC) and the main opposition Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP).

Hospital sources said around 20 people were wounded and six women

said they were raped in clashes on Monday in the capital Freetown.

Sierra Leone is struggling to recover from the brutal 1991-2001 civil war which saw about 120,000 people killed and thousands mutilated and raped by rival forces. Old rivalries, however, are raising fears the West African nation could be plunged into chaos once more.

China's objections force South Africa to scuttle sports peace meeting

(GIN) - China's growing influence in Africa may be having unintended consequences.

In an apparent bid not to offend its Chinese trading partner, South Africa last week refused a visa to the exiled leader of Tibet. The action set off loud protests among the Nobel Peace Prize community, including former Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

The Dalai Lama had been expected to attend a peace conference on ways that sports can reduce racism and xenophobia. But his presence was objectionable to the Chinese.

China "resolutely opposes any country's government having official contact with the Dalai Lama or enabling or offering a platform for his splitist activities," warned Qin Gang, China's foreign ministry

spokesman.

Facing a global crisis over the incident, the conference conveners backed down and called off the meeting "to ensure it is held under conducive conditions."

China claims Tibet as part of its territory, but many Tibetans say Chinese rule deprives them of religious freedom and autonomy. The Dalai Lama has been in exile since Chinese troops crushed a Tibetan uprising 50 years ago.

The conference, due to take place in Johannesburg on Friday, was meant to promote the 2010 World Cup of soccer.

(GIN)--Ten days away from facing deportation, 1,000 or more Minnesota Liberians were relieved to learn they'll be able to stay put -- at least for another year.

President Obama granted a 12-month extension to the March 31 deportation deadline for the 3,600 Liberians living in the United States legally, on a temporary immigration status.

Minnesota is home to one of the largest Liberian communities in the country, mostly concentrated in Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center.

Those who received the temporary immigration designation were fleeing a bloody civil war that started 20 years

ago. Since then, many have built new lives in Minnesota, having children, buying homes and establishing careers.

Meanwhile, no word on similar relief being sought for 30,000 Haitians facing a similar fate. A campaign to grant safe haven to Haitians has been launched by the NAACP. "The current plight of Haitians in their homeland clearly qualifies them for TPS (Temporary Protective Status), and thus the NAACP strongly urges President Obama to grant TPS to Haitian refugees," noted the group's action alert.

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MEDICARE PART B OPEN SEASON ENDS MARCH 31

By: John Anderson

This information is for anyone who turned down Medicare Part B medical insurance when first eligible (usually at age 65 or after receiving Social Security disability benefits for 24-months). I have good news - you can still enroll in Part B this month and your coverage will begin July 1. If this affects you, please act right away if you want to enroll in Part B for 2009. If you miss the March 31 deadline, you will have to wait until 2010 to sign up for Part B.

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Each year you would be given an opportunity to enroll in Part B during annual general open enrollment periods from January 1 to March 31. However, for each 12-month period that you are eligible for Medicare Part B but do not sign up, the amount of your monthly premium may increase by 10 percent. Your coverage would start July 1 of the year you enroll.

Here is an explanation of Medicare's four parts:

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scription drug coverage helps pay for prescription medications.

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You also can call Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 (TTY 1-800-325-0778) to ask for a copy. Or visit the Medicare website at www.medicare.gov. You also can call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048).

Just remember, Medicare Part B's 2009 general open season ends March 31. So now is the time to enroll if you previously turned down this coverage. To sign-up, just phone Social Security toll-free at 1-800-772-1213 or visit any Social

Security office by March 31.

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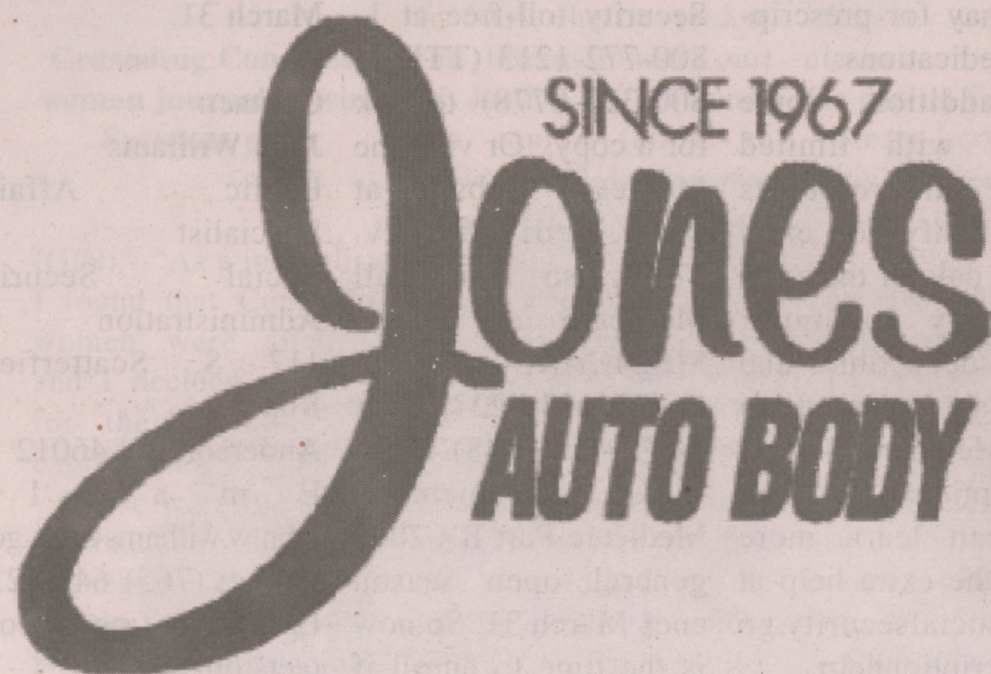
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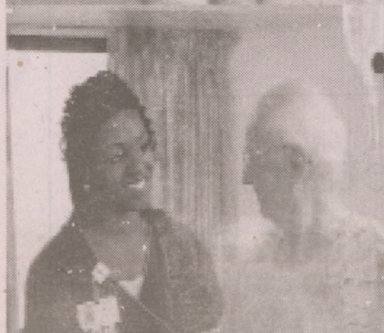
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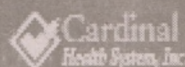
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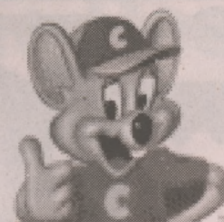
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Who'll be the chosen one? NBA MVP race a three-way battle

By Jon Saraceno, USA TODAY

Deciding the NBA's Most Valuable Player is a lot like trying to select a favorite ice cream. Vanilla, chocolate or strawberry?

Here's the hoop scoop: It's sort of hard to make a wrong pick.

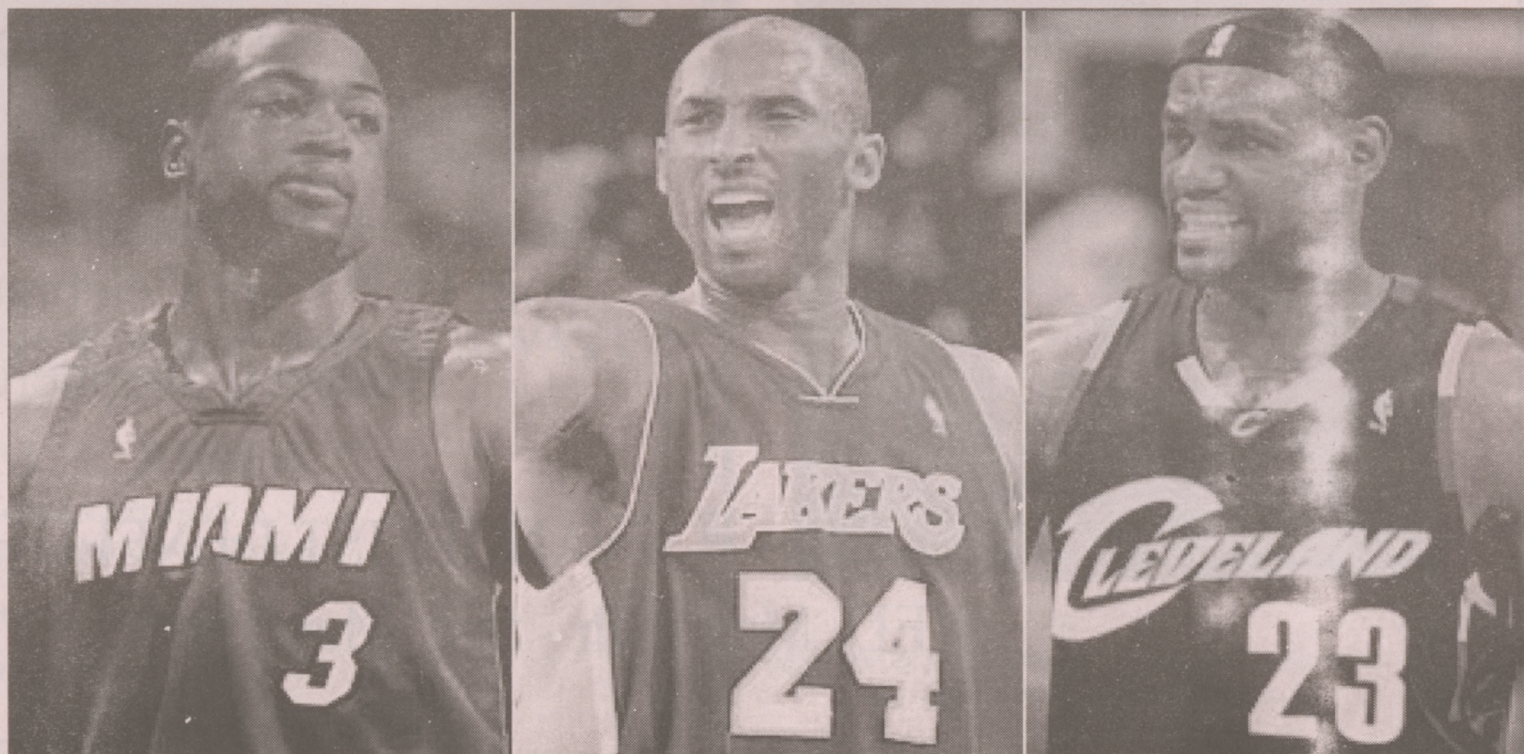
Friendly rivals Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade offer intriguing choices with two weeks left in the regular season. The brilliant play by the trio, the NBA's highest-scoring threesome, has ignited one of the most interesting arguments in years for the league's most prestigious solo honor.

Only 27 players have won the award since it was instituted for the 1955-56 season.

The debate regarding the NBA's three most marketable and popular players began months ago but took on a new flavor last month because of Wade's emergence into the conversation.

The race had been considered a two-man sprint between the Cleveland Cavaliers' James and the Los Angeles Lakers' Bryant, who won it for the first time last season. Neither James nor the Miami Heat's Wade has captured the hard-to-get hardware.

"If I had to pick, you know what I'd do?" asks Hall of Fame center Bill Russell, a five-time MVP with the Boston Celtics. "For the first time in history, we'd have three MVPs. That's not a negative on any of them — it's paying the ultimate respect."



Phoenix Suns guard Jason Richardson echoes Russell's consternation. "Whew — can there be a three-way MVP? Whoever is voting for that award has their hands full with that thing."

The news media voting block consists of 123 voters (three from each team market, plus 33 nationally) who will mark their top five choices. Ballots, sent two days ago, are due April 16, the day after the regular season concludes. Before the 1980-81 season, only players chose the MVP.

Voters are given no guidelines. Is the MVP the league's premier player? Highest scorer? Most spectacular human highlight reel? Best player on the team with the best record?

Or, is the Most Valuable Player, as the phrase implies, the answer to this: "Where would his team be without him?" Wade says.

While Bryant, third in scoring behind Wade and James, does not like to dis-

cuss the MVP chase, Wade has no qualms about it.

"Who gets my vote?" he asks. "Me, of course!"

Bryant finally won it in his 12th season, although ESPN analyst Bill Walton is among those who think Celtics forward Kevin Garnett was the most valuable.

"Different voters have different criteria," says Walton, MVP for the Portland Trail Blazers in 1978.

Shaquille O'Neal, one of the most dominant players ever, has been voted MVP once, in 2000. The veteran Phoenix Suns center sounds perplexed, and scorched, by the process.

"I've been jobbed three or four times, and that's why I say I don't know what y'all look for," he says. "Mike (Jordan) was always the MVP, and you can see why — he was always head and shoulders above the rest. Now they say the other two guys (James and Bryant) are ahead because they have better records. But D-Wade

is playing great. Who knows what you guys look for in the 'Brotherhood of the Media.'"

Wade surges

In 53 seasons, six former greats — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Russell, Jordan, Wilt Chamberlain, Larry Bird and Magic Johnson — account for 49% of the winners.

Wade, 27, has the edge statistically on Bryant, 30, and James, 24. Through Monday's games he leads in scoring (averaging 29.9), assists (7.5), steals (2.3) and blocked shots (1.4).

The Heat's slashing guard is the only player in the NBA with at least 100 blocks and 100 steals.

Bryant intensified the battle with 61 points Feb. 2 against the New York Knicks. Two nights later, James threw down 52 vs. the Knicks. He scored 55 against the Milwaukee Bucks on Feb. 20 — two days before Wade poured in 50 against Orlando.

"It's like, 'Anything you can do, I can do better,'" ABC analyst Jon Barry says.

Three weeks ago, after Wade torched the Chicago Bulls for 48, including a buzzer-beating, game-winner, James sent him a text message: "Hell of a game. Wow. That was amazing."

"We have fun with it," Wade says. "We push each other, but we also support. I think it's fitting that the three of us are in the race. Before I was injured, the talk was that myself, Kobe and LeBron were the top three players. Now it's back to where it was."

Wade, also in the middle of a bitter divorce, has been hobbled with a strained right hip but has averaged 34 points, 8.6 assists, 5.2 rebounds and 2.7 steals since the All-Star break.

His renaissance season comes after his Olympic gold medal experience last summer, one he shared with

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Bryant and James. Two years ago, shoulder and knee surgeries left question marks.

He recalls seeing ESPN's PTI and hearing, "Is Dwyane Wade the next Penny Hardaway?"

"Penny was on his way to being a great player before injuries," he says. "When I heard that, it was like a knife to my side."

James is the front-runner. Cleveland is a league-best 61-13, including a mind-boggling 35-1 at home. The charismatic leader has recorded an NBA-best seven triple-doubles (points, rebounds, assists). James is second to Wade in scoring (28.4) and also is averaging 7.7 rebounds, 7.4 assists, 1.7 steals and 1.2 blocks.

His selfless, pass-first philosophy makes him respon-

sible for creating much of the team's offense. And he is playing by far the best defense of his career.

James, who plays with a boyish infectiousness, can defend any of the five positions — and has — because he is the league's pre-eminent package of size, strength and quickness.

"He affects every possession," ESPN analyst Tim Legler says.

The Cavaliers are doing a little hardwood diplomacy on behalf of their All-Star forward. This week, they launched the website LeBronIsReallyReallyReallyReallyReallyReallyGood.com to showcase his credentials (the half-dozen "Reallys" represents James' six NBA seasons).

"I don't know who votes or what defines it," James says. "I know every night I go on the court, I try to be

the Most Valuable Player for LeBron James and his teammates. The NBA championship is the ultimate for me. Individual accolades will take care of themselves."

Low-key Bryant

Yet, the Lakers last spring sent a political-election-style media packet that included bumper stickers, campaign buttons and a note from "campaign manager" Jerry Buss, team owner. The theme: "Who else? Bryant." This week, Bryant claimed, "I don't even think about (winning MVP)," then took a playful jab.

"It's not something that crosses my mind," he says. "It didn't cross my mind last year, either. I really, really, really, really, really, really want that championship. I really, really want it."

Really.

Bryant, averaging 27.2

points and 5.0 assists, has helped the Lakers go 4-0 against the Cavaliers and the defending champion Celtics. "No disrespect to Kobe, but he's got a hell of a team there," Denver Nuggets swingman Dahntay Jones says.

Wade, who often plays with two rookies and two second-year teammates, must overcome this daunting fact: Every MVP the last 26 years has played for a team that has won at least 50 games, excluding the lockout season.

The Heat are 39-35 with eight games left. They had the worst record last season (15-67). Wade scored 505 in March, the most for a Heat player in any month.

"If you take D-Wade away from the Heat, they might not win 10 games," says NBA TV analyst Gary Payton, a former teammate

of Wade and Bryant. "Take LeBron away, that team can survive."

Even veteran voters straddle the fence: "It's hard for me to separate them definitively," ESPN analyst Jack Ramsay says.

One biased observer, Heat President Pat Riley, is concerned that voters, through news media influence, reached a consensus on James a long time ago.

"Anytime there's an argument about an important award," Riley says, "sometimes it can be a little debilitating at the end to know that minds already have been programmed and subconsciously swayed. I think we should stop politicizing it, campaigning for it and talking about it so much."

"Let's vote for the guy who deserves it the most and put the damn ballot in the mailbox."



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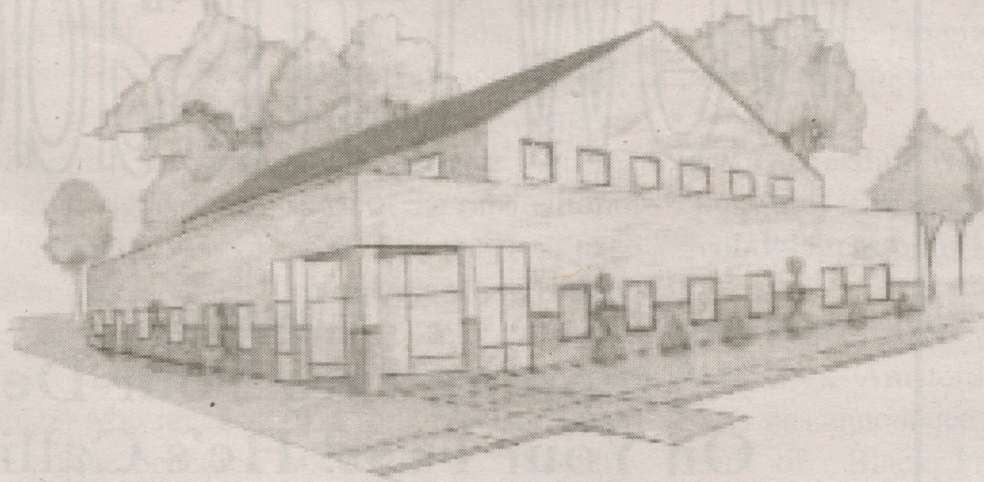
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2009 Black Press Week
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-Black Press Week, the
annual celebration of the
birth of the Black Press
of America, March 16,
1827, this year saluted
America's first family,
celebrated civil rights
champions and honored
a political pioneer during
its annual Newsmaker of
the Year Award Dinner
March 19.

"Black Press Week
promises to be the most
exciting ever," says
Dorothy R. Leavell,
chair of the NNPA
Foundation, unveiling
this year's honorees,
selected by member pub-
lishers. "The pride of our
profession gladdens our
hearts as we acknowl-
edge the first African
American president and
replay the role of the
Black Press over these
182 years."

The top honoree is the
Newsmaker of the year,
which will go to the
entire first family of
President Barack
Obama, in celebration of
their historic impact on
America as a family and
as public servants. They
include the president,
first lady Michelle
Obama and their daugh-
ters, Sasha and Malia.

The year's glitzy awards
reception and dinner
were held March 19 at
The Fairfax at Embassy
Row, a Luxury
Collection Hotel.

The Lifetime
Achievement Award
went to civil rights icon
the Rev. Joseph Lowery,
co-founder and former
president of the Southern
Christian Leadership
Conference, who recent-
ly rendered the benedic-
tory prayer at the presi-
dential inauguration.

Two Outstanding
Community Service
Awards were given to
Xernona Clayton, presi-
dent and CEO of The
Trumpet Foundation,
and the Rev. Al
Sharpton, president and
CEO of the National
Action Network and
who is also a radio talk
show host.

A special Political
Leadership Award was
given to U. S. Rep.
James Clyburn (D-S.C.),
who, as House majority
whip, is an example of
the "wisdom and influ-
ence that has been so
closely intertwined with
the Black Press over
centuries of activism and
accomplishment," said
Leavell.

America's first Black
newspaper, Freedom's
Journal, was founded by
Samuel Cornish and
John B. Russwurm in
1827 in New York City.

During the Black Press
Week celebration, held
this year March 18-20,
publishers from around
the nation also visited
with Democratic and
Republican congress-
sional leaders, in the
spirit of the first editorial
printed on the front page
of the journal, which
stated, "We wish to
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ues, "Too long has the
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The publishers also
participated in an annual
ceremony in the
Browsing Room at
Howard University,
which houses Black
Press archives and a
shrine honoring
deceased heroes and
heroines of the Black
Press, said Leavell.

"We are looking forward
to our celebration of our
founding in 1827 by
Samuel Cornish and
John Russwurm and
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Carolina, The Vanns of
Pittsburgh, The Youngs
of Virginia, Dr. Carlton

Goodlett of California
and many, many more
that understood the
importance of the Black
Press and sacrificed per-
sonal fortune(s) to give a
voice to the voiceless."

Ex-Amsterdam News boss dies in Croatia; condolences pour in

NEW YORK CITY--The
New York Amsterdam
News has announced the
death of Black Press
giant Wilbert "Bill"
Tatum, publisher emeri-
tus, CEO and chairman
of the board of the news-
paper that is in the midst
of its centennial celebra-
tion.

Tatum, 76, died in a hos-
pital in Croatia 1st
month, after a brief ill-
ness.

His wife, Susan, and
family were working to
bring Tatum's body back
to the U. S. from
Croatia, a country in
Central Europe. His
daughter, Elinor Tatum,
publisher and editor-in-
chief of the nationally
known and respected
weekly newspaper, has
expressed her gratitude
for the outpouring of
support and condolences
from leaders in the Black
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service and black leader-
ship communities across
the nation.

"He was much-loved and
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traveler, Bill Tatum saw
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"The Black Press has
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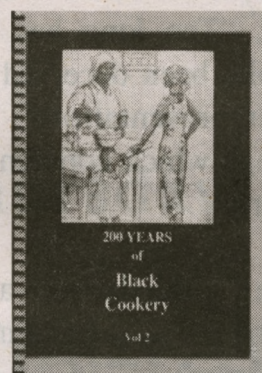
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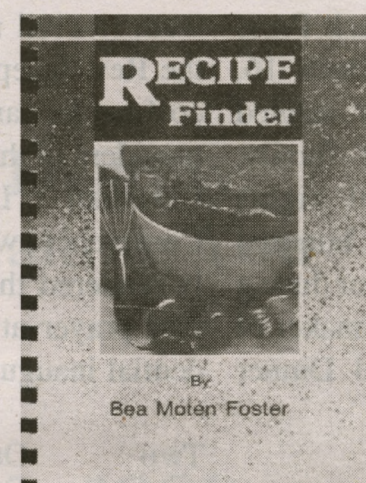
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ence and wisdom will be missed by me and so many others that he influenced in his journalistic and activist-inspired leadership."

NNPA Chairman John B. Smith Sr., who has known Tatum more than 30 years, describes him as "a true and stellar newspaperman, who personified fairness, justice and determination to better the 'beloved community ... He made certain, throughout his four decades at his publication, to [write] truth-to-power editorials to advance the African American Diaspora, in particular, and the nation and world, overall."

Tatum, highly esteemed as a businessman as well as a publisher and civil rights leader, gained respect from every facet of society and across political lines.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, a former Democratic U.S. senator from New York, said, "Bill was a dear friend, an inspiration, and a leader among journalists and indeed throughout his community. As the longtime publisher of the Amsterdam News, New York City's oldest African American newspaper, and former deputy borough president of

Manhattan, Bill's leadership and advocacy on behalf of civil rights, his community, and journalistic integrity is an inspiration to all of us."

Republican Mayor Michael Bloomberg, with whom Tatum frequently sparred, saluted him in a heartfelt statement upon his death.

"It's a big loss for a paper that has been influencing and reflecting city politics for over 100 years now," said Bloomberg. "Bill helped build the company into a major employer in Harlem, but the paper's voice really was heard across the city and, on many occasions, around the world. He covered issues of concern to African Americans in ways that other media outlets did not and he gave many young writers opportunities they might not otherwise have had."

From politicians to civil rights activists, Tatum carried major influence.

New York Action Network President Al Sharpton described Tatum as "an iconic and vitally important figure in both journalism and civil rights. I first met him when I was a teenager involved in civil rights work in New York and have known him over 30

years," he said. "His courage, his tenacity, his sagacity and his advocacy are unparalleled in African American journalism. We have lost a great advocate, a penetrating writer, an unmatched institution builder, and for me, a great friend and father figure."

The Amsterdam News was founded in 1909 as a black-owned and operated institution. In 1996, Wilbert Tatum bought out the last remaining investor. Though he stepped down as publisher, he continued serving as the publication's publisher emeritus, CEO and chairman of the board.

Tatum was a journalist and businessman who began his career as a community activist more than half a century ago, as executive director of the Cooper Square Committee. Cooper Square served as a housing organization of the New York's Lower East Side, which aimed to stop the city's Slum Clearance Committee, under the chairmanship of the legendary Robert Moses, from leveling housing for the poor in that area and replacing it with high-rise, high-income housing.

In the effort to defeat the city's plan and replace it

with the Alternate Play for Cooper Square, Tatum came to the attention of then Congressman John Lindsay, who supported the plan during his first successful run to become New York City mayor.

Shortly after his election, Lindsay set in motion the machinery that would designate 20 Cooper Square an urban renewal area and allocated the first city funds that began the implementation of the Alternate Plan.

In the 1960s, the Amsterdam News, not yet owned by Tatum, had become the premier newspaper for the Civil Rights Movement and black nationalists movements. The paper gave a platform to the non-violence, civil disobedience philosophy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and black nationalist teachings of Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X.

Tatum, along with a group of businessmen, purchased the Amsterdam News in 1971. Under the AmNews Corp. the paper was observed to have made a transformation to a more "liberal" viewpoint, until 1984, when Tatum bought the Amsterdam News outright and became its publisher and editor.

Tatum had a brief stay in the mainstream media in 1993, when he was named publisher and editor of the New York Post amid the bankruptcy fight at the paper, as well as discrimination allegations at both the Post and New York Daily News. Both publications had no reporters of color on their city desks and no minority editorial managers.

Under Tatum's guidance, the Amsterdam News continued to publish, amid the disappearance of other black newspapers across the country.

He took the paper back to what had been described as a "more militant and progressive position."

Under the leadership of his daughter, Elinor, the paper continues to be a venue for the issues, concerns and voices of the African American community.

With Mr. Tatum's passing, we lose not only a wise and scholarly elder, but also a vanguard," says Marquez Claxton, a co-founder of the 100 Blacks in Law Enforcement Who Care, who cultivated a solid and irreplaceable institution in the form of the

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Amsterdam News. We lose the physical presence, but the spirit and instruction is clear, we must remain ever vigilant, defiant in the face of oppression or obstacles and committed to the truth and its honest communication. He joins the ancestors and we join his family in mourning Bill Tatum ... the man, the myth, the legend."

Black Panther members languish in La. Prison

By James Ridgeway

Angola prisoners march to work every day in the fields. One of the reasons for founding the Angola chapter, the first prison chapter of the Black Panther Party, was to press for a reduction of the then-16-hour workdays.

What's left of Albert Woodfox's life now lies in the hands of a federal appeals court in New Orleans. By the time the court hears his case, the 62-year-old will have spent 36 years, 2 months and 24 days in a 6-by-9-foot cell at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola.

An 18,000-acre complex that still resembles the slave plantation it once was, the notorious prison, immortalized in

the film "Dead Man Walking," has long been considered one of the most brutal in America, a place where rape, abuse and violence have been commonplace. With the exception of a few brief months last year, Woodfox has served nearly all of his time there in solitary confinement, out of contact with other prisoners, and locked in his cell 23 hours a day. By most estimates, he and his codefendant, Herman Wallace, have spent more time in solitary than any other inmates in U.S. history.

Woodfox and Wallace are members of a triad known as the Angola 3, three prisoners who spent decades in solitary confinement after being accused of prison murders and convicted on questionable evidence. Before they were isolated from other inmates, the trio, which included a prisoner named Robert King, had organized against conditions in what was considered "the bloodiest prison in America." Their supporters believe that their activism, along with their ties to the Black Panther Party, motivated prison officials to scapegoat the inmates.*

Over the years, human rights activists worldwide have rallied around the Angola 3, pointing to

them as victims of a flawed and corrupt justice system. Though King managed to win his release in 2001, after his conviction was overturned, Woodfox and Wallace haven't been so lucky.

Amnesty International has called their continued isolation "cruel, inhuman and degrading," charging that their treatment has "breached international treaties which the USA has ratified, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the Convention against Torture."

Rep. John Conyers (D-Mich.), chair of the House Judiciary Committee, has taken a keen interest in the case and traveled to Angola last spring to visit with Woodfox and Wallace. "This is the only place in North America that people have been incarcerated like this for 36 years," he told Mother Jones magazine.

Meanwhile, the prevailing powers in Louisiana, from Angola's warden to the state attorney general, are bent on keeping Woodfox and Wallace right where they are. The state's Republican governor, Bobby Jindal, has thus far steered clear of the controversial case. Conyers, though, who has spoken with Jindal about Woodfox and Wallace, says the gover-

nor seemed "open minded."

For his part, Conyers is optimistic that Woodfox's fortunes, at least, could soon change. On Tuesday, Nick Trenticosta, who is one of Woodfox's lawyers, will have 20 minutes to convince the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold the decision of a district court judge in Baton Rouge, La., who last July overturned Woodfox's conviction for the 1972 murder of an Angola prison guard. The murder, for which Wallace was also charged, occurred while Woodfox was already serving a sentence for armed robbery. Trenticosta, a longtime Louisiana death penalty attorney who heads the New Orleans-based Center for Equal Justice, will argue that his client received inadequate representation from his court-appointed attorneys when he was retried in 1998, as well as during his original trial in 1973.

Better lawyers, he'll argue, would have shown that Woodfox's conviction was quite literally bought by the state, which based its case on jailhouse informants who were rewarded for their testimony. The primary eyewitness to the murder received special privileges and the promise of a pardon.

One of the corroborating witnesses was legally blind, while another was on the anti-psychotic drug Thorazine; both were subsequently granted furloughs.

Angola Prison, one of the largest in the U.S. with over 5,000 prisoners located on 18,000 acres, was once a plantation, where the enslaved Africans had been captured from Angola, Africa.

Woodfox's lawyers will also make the case that the state failed to provide his previous defense attorneys with crucial information about the witnesses, ensuring that they were unable to cross-examine them effectively and lost physical evidence, which was inconclusive at best, and possibly favorable to the defendant. (A spokeswoman for the Louisiana State Penitentiary said the prison, as a matter of policy, would not comment on an ongoing case.)

Depending on how the appeals court decides, Woodfox may get a chance at another trial, where this time he'll be represented by a team of highly skilled lawyers. If given that opportunity, Trenticosta told Mother Jones, in a recent interview, he and his colleagues will go beyond

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just refuting the evidence that led to their client's conviction.

They intend to reveal the identities of the real murderers of prison guard Brent Miller, who, Trenticosta says, are now dead. He says his team has "numerous witnesses who saw" the murder and others "who have good information." (Asked for the names of the witnesses and others with specific knowledge of the murder, Trenticosta said he would reveal their identities only if there is another trial.)

Of Woodfox and Wallace, Trenticosta says, "They were targeted. They were set up." The lawyer believes the state of Louisiana is determined to prevent Woodfox from being retried in order to "cover up a cover-up."

The state's case against overturning Woodfox's conviction will be argued by Kyle Duncan, a University of Mississippi law school professor who is an admirer of the jurisprudence of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. He will likely take the usual position in these types of cases, arguing that Woodfox's previous defense attorneys, despite what Trenticosta might say, had every opportunity to cross-examine the witnesses,

so no new trial is warranted.

But Duncan is little more than a mouthpiece; the force behind the state's appeal is Louisiana Attorney General James "Buddy" Caldwell Jr. The former prosecutor, who moonlights as an Elvis impersonator, is a politically ambitious Democrat. Since his election in 2007, Caldwell has fought 20 efforts by Woodfox and Wallace to overturn their convictions.

After Woodfox's conviction was overturned last year, Caldwell declared, "We will appeal this decision to the 5th Circuit. If the ruling is upheld there, I will not stop and we will take this case as high as we have to. I will retry this case myself ... I oppose letting him out with every fiber of my being because this is a very dangerous man."

Caldwell shares this position with Angola's warden, Burl Cain, a devout Baptist who has a reputation for proselytizing to the inmates under his watch. Cain, who has likened the Black Panthers to the KKK, is adamant that the aging Woodfox is and always will be a menace to society by virtue of his political beliefs.

He has said that Woodfox is "locked in time with the Black Panther revolutionary

actions they were doing way back when ... And from that, there's been no rehabilitation."

After a three-judge appellate panel heard arguments in March 3, it will be at least 6 weeks and, possibly many months, before it rules on the appeal. If it concurs with the district court's decision, Woodfox will be retried or released. If it overrules the lower court, his conviction will remain in place, and his defense team will have to go back to the drawing board.

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White House challenges blacks to aggressively seek stimulus dollars

While President Obama's \$787 billion economic recovery package is designed to help all Americans, the White House is especially encouraging the African American community to "be aggressive" in pursuing both the employment and small business opportu-

nities the federal act provides, Obama's top policy aides have exclusively told The Carolinian and Wilmington Journal newspapers.

That's good news to many of North Carolina's black leadership, who up until now, weren't sure how much of the state's \$6.1 billion initial stimulus allotment could indeed be accessed by black businesses and African Americans searching for work.

Given the disturbing headline this week that the state's unemployment rate in January ballooned to a 9.7 percent, the highest it's been since March 1983, added on to last week's striking statistics that black unemployment nationwide in February jumped to 13.4 percent, up from January's 12.6, African Americans in North Carolina and beyond are now looking toward the stimulus package to turn spiraling conditions around.

The question is, how many jobs can blacks get, and can black businesses really take advantage of the stimulus package prospects?

In an exclusive March 6 White House teleconference with the nation's Black Press, the president's Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, and Valerie Jarrett, Obama's senior adviser on Intergovernmental

Affairs and Public Liaison, made it clear that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009--the largest omnibus spending bill ever signed into law--is specifically designed to help communities of color, that were routinely ignored under the Bush administration, rebuild with work, worth and dignity.

"The type of investments we're making in the healthcare area, education, energy independence and tax cuts for working middle-class families, those are the very investments that under the prior administration, were basically denied funds, and [it] had an adverse impact on the African American community," Emanuel told black reporters during the teleconference. "And so what we're doing, whether it's in housing, education, healthcare or energy, is finally putting resources there."

The rising black unemployment rate was certainly of concern to President Obama, Jarrett said, which is why, while it may take some time, he's confident that the recovery act will make a difference.

"The areas of housing, public education, the energy crisis, and health care, of course, all of those issues have a dis-

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parate impact on the African American community," Jarrett said. "All are tied back to the economy and in order for the United States to be competitive in our global world, we've got to tackle all of these issues and we've got to do it all at once. We can't do it in sequence."

"[President Obama's] base within the African American community came out wholeheartedly [during the 2008 presidential election], and the agenda that he's set forth is one which will benefit the population as a whole, but also, because all of these problems, as I've said from the onset, have a disparate affect in the African American community."

Jarrett, considered a longtime trusted associate of the president, even before he took office, said a "disproportionate" share of the recovery dollars are going to urban areas, with at least \$8 billion slated for mass transit improvement projects there.

"And as you know, that's where the bulk of the African American population exists," she said. "So if you look strategically at how the dollars are going to be allocated, you're going to see a lot of dollars going to projects that are in cities, and most of those are going to be construction projects."

Emanuel says the \$8 billion being put towards improving mass transit in the urban centers will not only provide jobs for African Americans, but once the projects are completed, help move people to where other jobs are.

"So there'll be incredible benefits because those areas, [those] pockets have been denied funds and the higher unemployment, higher concentration of people without health insurance who work [who have] children...those are the places where these investments are actually gaining traction with African American communities," he said.

Add to that the Obama administration's major stimulus package investment in developing the environmentally friendly "green jobs" industry, especially in the inner cities, and Jarrett says that initiative promises both training and employment.

In fact, the White House has just hired black attorney and civil rights activist Van Jones, founder of Green for All, a nonprofit green economy advocacy group, to be come special adviser for Green Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation at the White House Council on Environmental Quality.

Jones believes getting

the "greenest solutions to the poorest people... [Helping] that kid on the street corner put down his handgun and picking up a caulk gun."

"So if you look at the level of dollars that will be coming from the federal government that will be pumped into job creation," Ms. Jarrett concurred, "and many of those dollars are going directly to the cities, you're going to see an increase in employment in the African American community."

And what about black small businesses, many of which are struggling and undercapitalized, even during the best of economic times?

Jarrett said the recovery act looks out for them as well.

"As you know small businesses are responsible for more job creation than the large companies, so it's an area we're very sensitive to," she said.

Jarrett suggested the Black Press and local black leadership "...work with your local administrations to focus them on the issue of small businesses because a lot of this does happen from the ground up.

"The government is providing the funds, is providing the categories in

which these funds can be used, but a good part of the president's initiative is to make sure that people on the ground are locally engaged, and are helping to set their priorities."

"Also, the dollars that go through the states and the cities are required to follow basically the rules and regulations they have on the books that relates to [goals] for women and minority-owned businesses."

"Most cities and states have their own minority and women-owned business legislation in place, and just as all of the other dollars that come from the federal government that flow through the states and the cities have to comply with those regulations, these [recovery funds] will as well," Jarrett said, adding that Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner is "very concerned" about small businesses and is developing an initiative to help them navigate getting capital and contracts.

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Indianapolis Recorder report:

U.S. drug arrests

skewed against African Americans (1 col., 3 lines)

(NNPA)--Blacks have been arrested nationwide on drug charges at higher rates than whites for nearly three decades, even though they engage in drug offenses at comparable rates, Human Rights Watch said in a report released last week.

Using data obtained from the FBI, the report reveals the extent and persistence of racial disparities in U.S. drug-law enforcement. The data also show that most drug arrests are for nothing more serious than possession.

The 20-page report, "Decades of Disparity: Drug Arrests and Race in the United States," says that adult African Americans were arrested on drug charges at rates that were 2.8 to 5.5 times as high as those of white adults in every year from 1980 through 2007, the last year for which complete data were available. About one in three of the more than 25.4 million adult drug arrestees during that period was African American.

"Jim Crow may be dead, but the drug war has never been color blind," said Jamie Fellner, senior counsel

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with Human Rights Watch's U.S. Program and author of the report. "Although whites and blacks use and sell drugs, the heavy hand of the law is more likely to fall on black shoulders."

The report also says that arrests for drug possession have greatly exceeded arrests for drug sales every year since 1980. Indeed, the proportion of drug arrests for possession has been increasing, amounting to 80 percent or more annually since 1999. Marijuana possession accounts for a large proportion of drug arrests: in the years 2000 through 2007, the proportion of all drug arrests that was for marijuana possession ranged from 37.7 percent to 42.1 percent. The report is the latest by Human Rights Watch exploring human rights violations, including racial discrimination, in the context of the "war on drugs."

"Hauling hundreds of thousands of people down to the station-house each year because they have some weed or a rock of crack cocaine in their pocket has had little impact on drug use," said Fellner. "But the stigma of a drug arrest, especially if followed by a conviction, limits employment, education and housing opportunities. A more effective, less destruc-

tive drug policy would prioritize treatment, education, and positive social investments in poor communities over arrest and incarceration."

Black unemployment soars as economic ailment continues

"Astounding" is how President Obama, speaking March 6 in Columbus, Ohio, characterized the nation's new unemployment figures, a staggering 8.1 percent, the highest since 1983, as employers pick up the pace of layoffs.

Just as disconcerting is the sharp rise in unemployment among African Americans, 13.4 percent in February. The last time the black monthly unemployment rate was so high was in February 1994, as the nation was digging out of a recession, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

The latest figures continue to show job losses are large and widespread across nearly all major industry sectors. In January, the overall national unemployment rate was 7.6 percent. For blacks, it was 12.6 percent.

Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate the black unemployment rate has traditionally far exceeded that of other

ethnic groups, especially whites whose joblessness is normally half that of African Americans.

Reasons for the disparity cited by experts include a gap in education between blacks and whites, marginal ties by African American households to the labor market and a failure by policy makers to equate black unemployment to a crisis needing urgent attention.

The BLS Web site, which maintains black unemployment data dating back to 1972, also states that the black jobless rate reached its lowest level on record in April 2000, when it dropped to 7 percent.

While the agency's latest figures highlight a growing gender gap between black men and women in the workforce, it also shows that the unemployment rate for black men in February was 16.3 percent compared to 10.8 percent for black women.

The Washington, D.C.-based Economic Policy Institute's Race, Ethnicity and Economy Program reported recently that blacks are typically impacted by recessions and that it comes as no surprise that there is a significant increase in Black unemployment during such times.

Program Director Algernon Austin offered in a recent Chicago Sun

Times article that lack of job opportunities for Blacks ultimately trickles down to teens, making it doubly hard for them to find work, particularly with summer on the horizon.

"We really want teens to work," Austin said. "Getting job experience now really helps people in their employment."

The jobless rate for teens in general is just over 21 percent.

However, Austin noted that the rate among black teens has already surpassed 38 percent and that the figure could be as high as 44 percent for teens still looking for work.

"The really sad and troubling part of this is most likely these aren't the peak numbers," Austin says in the article, suggesting that the peak will come in a year's time, "unless the stimulus comes in and works."

The latest figures continue to show job losses are widespread across nearly all major industry sectors. Construction and manufacturing jobs have been among the hardest hit, a continuing concern for such groups as the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists.

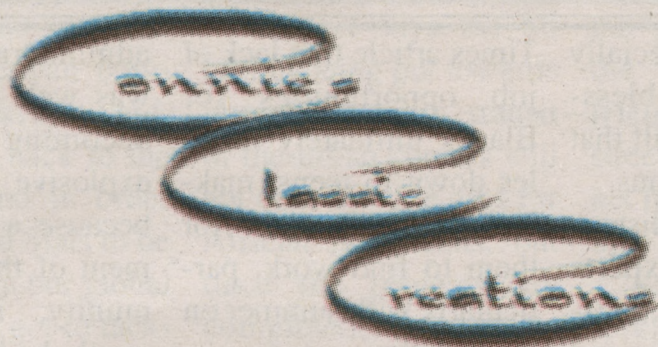
The organization periodically blasted the Bush era, saying unemployment among African-Americans had become so dismal during his

administration that it was well on its way to becoming a socially explosive issue, mainly because a growing segment of the Black community, including its youth, had begun to feel permanently disconnected from the economy.

Now, with President Obama at the helm, his administration maintains he has made a considerable thrust at providing job training programs in inner cities where the largest populations of African-Americans tend to reside, as well an increase in government jobs through the recently enacted \$787 billion economic recovery plan.

"The president is going to do his job but needs to get the word out [to city and state agency heads about] how high the stakes are," Obama senior adviser Valerie Jarrett said last week during a teleconference with black journalists.

Meanwhile, even as Obama's recovery strategy was created to save more than 3 million jobs, the country continues to lose jobs quickly, with 651,000 lost in February, and keeping the administration racing to keep up.



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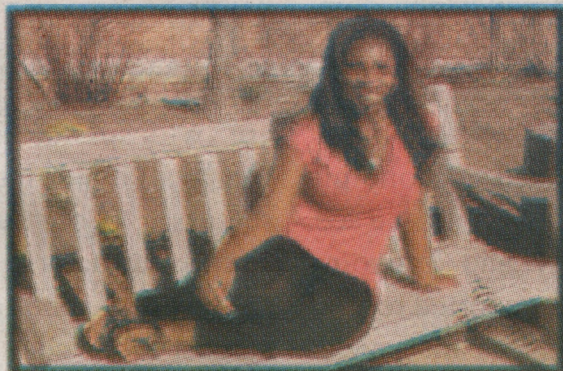
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Billy Kiles; I could just go right on down the list, but time will not permit. But I want to thank all of them. And I want you to thank them, because so often, preachers aren't concerned about anything but themselves. And I'm always happy to see a relevant ministry.

It's all right to talk about "long white robes over yonder," in all of its symbolism. But ultimately people want some suits and dresses and shoes to wear down here! It's all right to talk about "streets flowing with milk and honey," but God has commanded us to be concerned about the slums down here, and his children who can't eat three square meals a day. It's all right to talk about the new Jerusalem, but one day, God's preacher must talk about the new New York, the new Atlanta, the new Philadelphia, the new Los Angeles, the new Memphis, Tennessee. This is what we have to do.

Now the other thing we'll have to do is this: Always anchor our external direct action with the power of economic withdrawal. Now, we are poor people. Individually, we are poor when you compare us with white society in America. We are poor. Never stop and forget that collectively -- that means all of us together -- collectively we are richer than all the nations in the world, with the exception of nine. Did you ever think about that? After you leave the United States, Soviet Russia,

Great Britain, West Germany, France, and I could name the others, the American Negro collectively is richer than most nations of the world. We have an annual income of more than thirty billion dollars a year, which is more than all of the exports of the United States, and more than the national budget of Canada. Did you know that? That's power right there, if we know how to pool it.

We don't have to argue with anybody. We don't have to curse and go around acting bad with our words. We don't need any bricks and bottles. We don't need any Molotov cocktails. We just need to go around to these stores, and to these massive industries in our country, and say, "God sent us by here, to say to you that you're not treating his children right. And we've come by here to ask you to make the first item on your agenda fair treatment, where God's children are concerned. Now, if you are not prepared to do that, we do have an agenda that we must follow. And our agenda calls for withdrawing economic support from you."

And so, as a result of this, we are asking you tonight, to go out and tell your neighbors not to buy Coca-Cola in Memphis. Go by and tell them not to buy Sealtest milk. Tell them not to buy -- what is the other bread? -- Wonder Bread. And what is the other bread company, Jesse? Tell them not to buy Hart's bread. As Jesse Jackson has said, up to

now, only the garbage men have been feeling pain; now we must kind of redistribute the pain. We are choosing these companies because they haven't been fair in their hiring policies; and we are choosing them because they can begin the process of saying they are going to support the needs and the rights of these men who are on strike. And then they can move on town -- downtown and tell Mayor Loeb to do what is right.

But not only that, we've got to strengthen black institutions. I call upon you to take your money out of the banks downtown and deposit your money in Tri-State Bank. We want a "bank-in" movement in Memphis. Go by the savings and loan association. I'm not asking you something that we don't do ourselves at SCLC. Judge Hooks and others will tell you that we have an account here in the savings and loan association from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. We are telling you to follow what we are doing. Put your money there. You have six or seven black insurance companies here in the city of Memphis. Take out your insurance there. We want to have an "insurance-in."

Now these are some practical things that we can do. We begin the process of building a greater economic base. And at the same time, we are putting pressure where it really hurts. I ask you to follow through here.

Now, let me say as I move to my conclusion that we've got to give ourselves to this struggle until the end. Nothing would be more tragic than to stop at this point in Memphis. We've got to see it through. And when we have our march, you need to be there. If it means leaving work, if it means leaving school -- be there. Be concerned about your brother. You may not be on strike. But either we go up together, or we go down together.

Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. One day a man came to Jesus, and he wanted to raise some questions about some vital matters of life. At points he wanted to trick Jesus, and show him that he knew a little more than Jesus knew and throw him off base....

Now that question could have easily ended up in a philosophical and theological debate. But Jesus immediately pulled that question from mid-air, and placed it on a dangerous curve between Jerusalem and Jericho. And he talked about a certain man, who fell among thieves. You remember that a Levite and a priest passed by on the other side. They didn't stop to help him. And finally a man of another race came by. He got down from his beast, decided not to be compassionate by proxy. But he got down with him, administered first aid, and helped the man in need. Jesus ended up saying, this was the good man, this was the great man, because he had the capac-

ity to project the "I" into the "thou," and to be concerned about his brother.

Now you know, we use our imagination a great deal to try to determine why the priest and the Levite didn't stop. At times we say they were busy going to a church meeting, an ecclesiastical gathering, and they had to get on down to Jerusalem so they wouldn't be late for their meeting. At other times we would speculate that there was a religious law that "One who was engaged in religious ceremonies was not to touch a human body twenty-four hours before the ceremony." And every now and then we begin to wonder whether maybe they were not going down to Jerusalem -- or down to Jericho, rather to organize a "Jericho Road Improvement Association." That's a possibility. Maybe they felt that it was better to deal with the problem from the causal root, rather than to get bogged down with an individual effect.

But I'm going to tell you what my imagination tells me. It's possible that those men were afraid. You see, the Jericho road is a dangerous road. I remember when Mrs. King and I were first in Jerusalem. We rented a car and drove from Jerusalem down to Jericho. And as soon as we got on that road, I said to my wife, "I can see why Jesus used this as the setting for his parable." It's a winding, meandering road. It's really con-

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ducive for ambushing. You start out in Jerusalem, which is about 1200 miles -- or rather 1200 feet above sea level. And by the time you get down to Jericho, fifteen or twenty minutes later, you're about 2200 feet below sea level. That's a dangerous road. In the days of Jesus it came to be known as the "Bloody Pass." And you know, it's possible that the priest and the Levite looked over that man on the ground and wondered if the robbers were still around. Or it's possible that they felt that the man on the ground was merely faking. And he was acting like he had been robbed and hurt, in order to seize them over there, lure them there for quick and easy seizure. And so the first question that the priest asked -- the first question that the Levite asked was, "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But then the Good Samaritan came by. And he reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

That's the question before you tonight. Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers, what will happen to my job. Not, "If I stop to help the sanitation workers what will happen to all of the hours that I usually spend in my office every day and every week as a pastor?" The question is not, "If I stop to help this man in need, what will happen to me?" The question is, "If I do not stop to help the sanitation workers, what

will happen to them?" That's the question.

Let us rise up tonight with a greater readiness. Let us stand with a greater determination. And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation. And I want to thank God, once more, for allowing me to be here with you.

You know, several years ago, I was in New York City autographing the first book that I had written. And while sitting there autographing books, a demented black woman came up. The only question I heard from her was, "Are you Martin Luther King?" And I was looking down writing, and I said, "Yes." And the next minute I felt something beating on my chest. Before I knew it I had been stabbed by this demented woman. I was rushed to Harlem Hospital. It was a dark Saturday afternoon. And that blade had gone through, and the X-rays revealed that the tip of the blade was on the edge of my aorta, the main artery. And once that's punctured, your drowned in your own blood -- that's the end of you.

It came out in The New York Times the next morning, that if I had merely sneezed, I would have died. Well, about four days later, they allowed me, after the operation, after my chest had been opened, and the blade had been taken out, to move around in the wheel chair in the hospi-

tal. They allowed me to read some of the mail that came in, and from all over the states and the world, kind letters came in. I read a few, but one of them I will never forget. I had received one from the President and the Vice-President. I've forgotten what those telegrams said. I'd received a visit and a letter from the Governor of New York, but I've forgotten what that letter said. But there was another letter that came from a little girl, a young girl who was a student at the White Plains High School. And I looked at that letter, and I'll never forget it. It said simply,

Dear Dr. King,

I am a ninth-grade student at the White Plains High School."

And she said,

While it should not matter, I would like to mention that I'm a white girl. I read in the paper of your misfortune, and of your suffering. And I read that if you had sneezed, you would have died. And I'm simply writing you to say that I'm so happy that you didn't sneeze.

And I want to say tonight -- I want to say tonight that I too am happy that I didn't sneeze. Because if I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been around here in 1960, when students all over the South started sitting-in at lunch counters. And I knew that as they were sitting in, they were really standing up for the best in the American dream, and taking the whole nation back to those great wells

of democracy which were dug deep by the Founding Fathers in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been around here in 1961, when we decided to take a ride for freedom and ended segregation in inter-state travel.

If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been around here in 1962, when Negroes in Albany, Georgia, decided to straighten their backs up. And whenever men and women straighten their backs up, they are going somewhere, because a man can't ride your back unless it is bent.

If I had sneezed -- If I had sneezed I wouldn't have been here in 1963, when the black people of Birmingham, Alabama, aroused the conscience of this nation, and brought into being the Civil Rights Bill.

If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have had a chance later that year, in August, to try to tell America about a dream that I had had.

If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been down in Selma, Alabama, to see the great Movement there.

If I had sneezed, I wouldn't have been in Memphis to see a community rally around those brothers and sisters who are suffering.

I'm so happy that I didn't sneeze.

And they were telling me --. Now, it doesn't matter, now. It really doesn't matter what happens now. I left Atlanta this morning, and as we

got started on the plane, there were six of us. The pilot said over the public address system, "We are sorry for the delay, but we have Dr. Martin Luther King on the plane. And to be sure that all of the bags were checked, and to be sure that nothing would be wrong with on the plane, we had to check out everything carefully. And we've had the plane protected and guarded all night."

And then I got into Memphis. And some began to say the threats, or talk about the threats that were out. What would happen to me from some of our sick white brothers?

Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now, because I've been to the mountaintop.

And I don't mind.

Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land!

And so I'm happy, tonight.

I'm not worried about anything.

I'm not fearing any man!

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!

LOCAL CHURCHES

Ambassadors of Christ

700 S. Madison St.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning • 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening • 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.
 Prayer • Tuesday & Thursday
 9:00 a.m.

Church: 288-7214 • Home: 289-3663



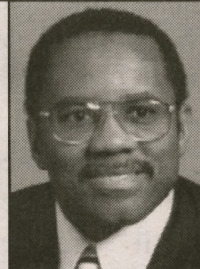
Pastor John Slaughter

Antioch Baptist Church

1700 E. Butler

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:40
 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer • 11:00 a.m. &
 6:00 p.m.

Church: 288-4992 • Home: 289-8572



Pastor Eddie Long

Berea Apostolic Church

1615 E. Williard

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30
 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study • 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 289-3418



Pastor Renize Abram

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 Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
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 and 11:00 a.m.

CHURCH (765) 287-1655
 HOME (765) 289-9355

Calvary Baptist Church

1117 E. Jackson

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:45
 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study • 11:30 a.m.
 & 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 288-7511



Pastor J.E. Moorehead

Cathedral of Praise Church

2505 N. Walnut
 Muncie, IN 47302
 (765) 287-9789

Sun. Morning Prayer: 10:00 am
 Sun. Morning Worship: 11:00am
 Every 1st Sun. Dinner served after service
 Every 1st Sun. Evening Service: 5:00pm
 Tues. Bible Study 12:00pm and 6:00pm

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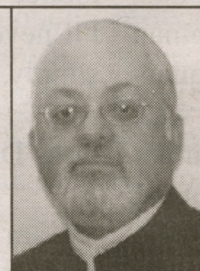
Pastor Adrian Leavell

Christ Temple Church

654 N. Jefferson

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
 Friday 7:00 p.m.

Fax: 284-4041
 Phone: 284-1783
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Pastor S. Michael Millben

Church of The Living God

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Sunday Morning Worship • 9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.
 Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Kevin Woodgett

Deliverance Temple

903 S. Pershing

Sunday Service & Class Free Indeed
 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

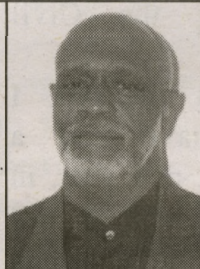
Tuesday Bible Study 11:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Mens Group 12:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Thursday Rising Above 7:00 p.m.

Friday Worship Service 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-7852
 288-2671



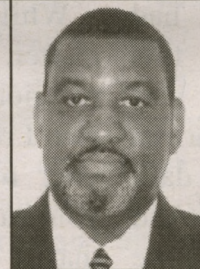
Bishop H. Royce Mitchell

Faith Center For All Nations

600 S. Blaine St.

Morning Prayer • 8:15 a.m.
 Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study • 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday Youth Night • 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-1915
 Fax: 282-0341



Pastor Larry Carther

Greater Grace Church

319 W. Howard

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service • 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Class • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-2399



Pastor Kendrick Winburn

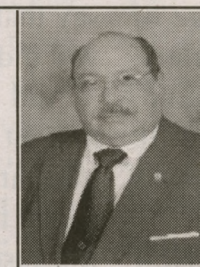
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200 E. Ninth Street
 Muncie, Indiana 47302
 765-288-8598

Services
 Sabbath School, 9:30 AM
 Sabbath Worship, 11:00 AM

Prayer Meeting
 Wednesday, 7:00 PM



Pastor Charles M. Willis II

Prayer House of Deliverance

1805 Wall Ave.

Sunday
 Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
 Deliverance Service • 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship • 6:00 p.m.

Thursday
 Victory of Praise Service • 6:00 p.m.

Church: 288-8990



Pastor John L. Smith

House of Prayer for All People

2725 S. Hackley St.

Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
 Tuesday Bible Study • 11:00 a.m.

Church: 287-9883
 Home: 284-9687



Pastor Edith Hutchinson

Kirby Avenue Church of God

701 Kirby Ave.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship • 10:45
 a.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-8676

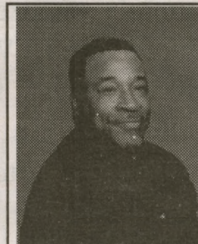


Pastor Thomas Stanton

Perfecting Tabernacle of Praise

920 E. 1st Street

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Service 10:00 a.m.
 Prayer Wed. 6:00
 Bible Class Wed 6:30 p.m.



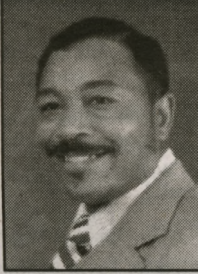
Pastor Robert L. Brown

LOCAL CHURCHES

Greater Mt. Calvary Church of God in Christ

1524 E. Butler
Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Y.P.W.W. • 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Prayer & Bible Band • 6:00 p.m.
Friday Night Pastorial Teaching 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 289-6262



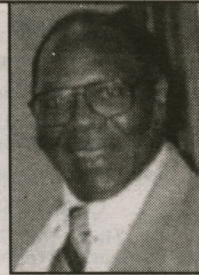
Pastor Charles Coatie

New Liberty Baptist

1615 N. Elgin

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Church: 284-8231 • Home: 642-4012



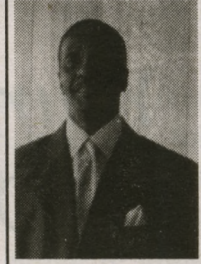
Pastor L.D. Clay, Jr.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

820 S. Penn St.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 12 Noon & 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-0138



Pastor Aston R. Chambers

New Hope Baptist

524 E. Willard

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 5:30 p.m.
Womens Ministry 5:30 p.m.
Youth Church 5:30
Single Ministry 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 288-7023 or 284-4459



Pastor W.C. Edwards

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2000 S. Hoyt

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Services

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Friday Worship, 7 p.m.



Pastors Gladys M. Maina
Simon Maina Mungai

Paramount Community

1405 E. Willard

Sunday School • 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study 10:30 a.m.
WXFN 1340 am Broadcast • 9:30 a.m.

Phone: 284-1722

284-7169



Pastor Leroy Thomas

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Shaffer Chapel AME

1501 E. Highland Ave.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
Wednesday Bible Study • 12:00 Noon
Wednesday Evening Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-6890



Pastor Dorothea Norwood

Shiloh Church of God in Christ

820 N. Blaine

Sunday School • 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 12:00 Noon
Evening Y.P.W.W. • 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.
Friday Worship • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-1869



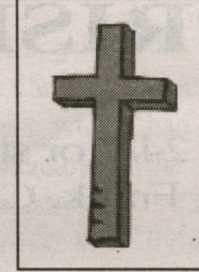
Pastor Buddy Kirtz

Spiritual Baptist

1201 E. Jackson

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 282-1034



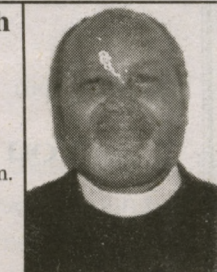
Pastor Mack Moses

Terrestrial Temple Church of God in Christ

2112 N. Turner

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 6:00 p.m.
Thursday Worship • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 288-8181



Pastor James Lawson

Trinity United Methodist Church

1210 S. Hackley St.

Sunday School • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.

Phone: 284-4515



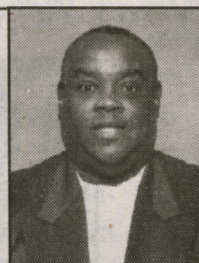
Pastor James M. Nave

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Sunday Morning worship 11:30 A.M.
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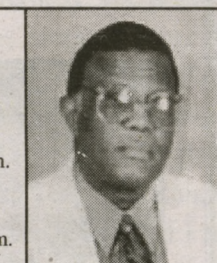
Pastor Kevin Ivy Sr.

True Vine Holiness Tabernacle

1205 E. Willard

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m. & Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday Prayer • 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Phone: 286-3031



Pastor Wade Sloss

Union Chapel Ministries

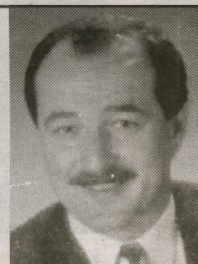
4622 N. Broadway

Saturday Services
Evening Worship • 5:30 p.m.
JC Junction Children's Church 5:30 p.m.
Commonway Worship 7:00 p.m. (180 Bldg.)

Sunday Services

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Services • 9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
180 Youth Event • Sunday 6:00 p.m.

Phone: 288-8383 Office / 213-3977 180 Office



Pastor Gregg Parris

Union Missionary Baptist Church

1103 N. Macedonia St.

Sunday School • 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 7:00 a.m./10:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study & Prayer • 10:0 a.m./6:00 p.m.
Wed. Children's Bible Study • 6:00 p.m. (annex)
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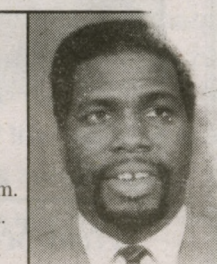
Pastor Willie J. Jackson, Sr.

Word Of Life Christian Church

1401 E. Kirby Ave.

Sunday Prayer • 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 10:30 a.m.
The Zone (Youth Service) 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 284-6269



Pastor Bryant R. Crumes

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Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Church: 288-3264

Home: 260-745-5353

Ex. 4:22 Israel is my son even my first born



Rev. JR Carswell

Fig Tree Ministries

501 S. Tillotson
Muncie, IN

Sunday Morning Worship • 10:00 a.m.
Monday • 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 281-1636

Home: 759-7872

pastor kaymorehouse@hotmail



Pastor Kay Morehouse

The New Testament Christian Ministries

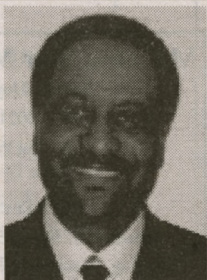
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Sunday Morning Worship • 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Clifford Clemens

My Father's House Apostolic Church

1208 E. Centennial Ave.

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service • 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Prayer • 7:00 p.m.
Thursday Bible Study • 7:00 p.m.

Phone: 287-9221 • Home: 282-3224



Pastor Michael W. Boyd

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Church 284-6748 Office number 748-8996

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Pastor

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2120 E. 26th Street

Sunday School • 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship • 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday Bible Study • 6:30 p.m.
Friday Praise and Worship • 6:30 p.m.

Phone: 286-4168

Home: 288-5205



Pastor Iry Hogan

Unitarian Universalist Church

4800 W. Bradford Dr. (off Morrison Rd.)

Sunday Services • 10:45 a.m.
Pre- Service discussion • 9:30

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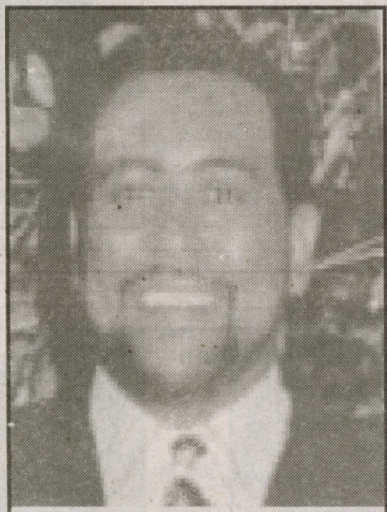
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RELIGION

"Keep Your Fork"

There was a woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her pastor and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. The woman also requested to be buried with her favorite Bible. Everything was in order and the pastor was preparing to leave when the woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.

"There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" came the pastor's reply. "This is very important," the woman continued. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."

The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. "That surprises you, doesn't it?" the woman asked. "Well, to be honest, I'm puzzled by the request," said the pastor. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean

over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder 'What's with the fork?'. Then I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork - the best is yet to come'."

The pastor's eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew

that the woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She KNEW that something better was coming. At the funeral people were walking by the woman's casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and her favorite Bible and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the pastor heard the question "What's with the fork?" And over and over he smiled. During his message, the pastor told the people of the conversation he had with the woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The pastor told the people how

he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you, oh so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care. Send this to everyone you consider a FRIEND even if it means sending back to the person who sent it to you.

CHOOSE HOW YOU START YOUR DAY

Michael is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, "If I were any better, I would be twins!"

He was a natural motivator. If an employee was having a bad day, Michael was there telling the employee how to look on the positive side of the situation.

Seeing this style really made me curious, so one day I went up to Michael and asked him, "I don't get it! You can't be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?"

Michael replied, "Each morning I wake up and say to myself, Mike, you have two choices today. You can

choose to be in a good mood or you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood. Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it."

"Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life."

"Yeah, right, it's not that easy," I protested.

"Yes, it is," Michael said. "Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people will affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood.

The bottom line: It's your choice how you live life."

I reflected on what Michael said. Soon thereafter, I left the Tower Industry to start my own business. We lost touch, but I often thought about him when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to it.

Several years later, I heard that Michael was involved in a serious accident, falling some 60 feet from a communications tower. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, Michael was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

I saw Michael about six months after the accident. When I asked him how he was, he replied, "If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars?"

I declined to see his wounds, but did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

"The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon to be born daughter," Michael replied. "Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or I could choose to die. I chose to live."

"Weren't you scared? Did you lose consciousness?" I asked. Michael continued, "...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read 'he's a dead man.' I knew I needed to take

action."

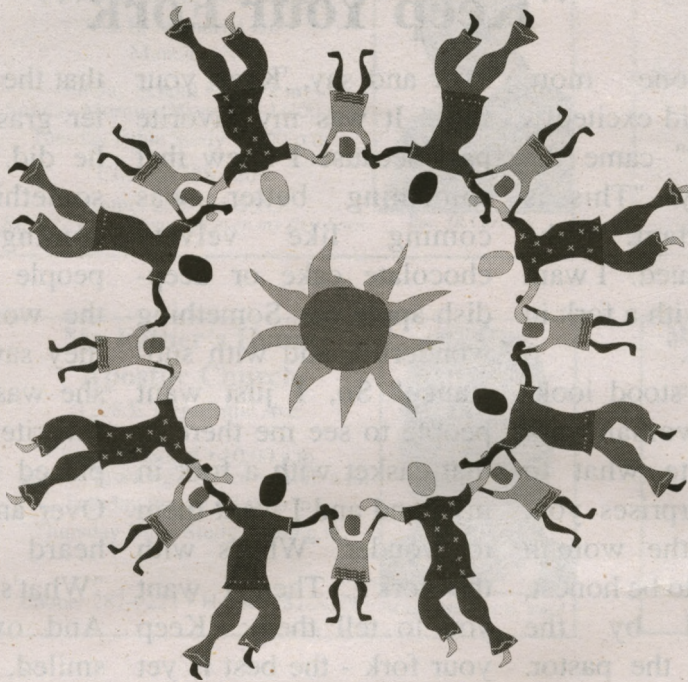
"What did you do?" I asked.

"Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me," said Michael. "She asked if I was allergic to anything."

"Yes, I replied. The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, 'Gravity.' Over their laughter, I told them, 'I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.'"

Michael lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude. I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully. Attitude after all, is everything.

Trust in God and he will stand by you!



Stay Strapped At All Times "Family Revival"

Nehemiah: Chapter 4 verse 17

*"They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens with those that laded,
everyone with one of his hands wrought in work and with the other hand held a weapon."*

When: April 15th, 16th, 17th

Where: Terrestrial Temple COGIC

2112 N. Turner St Muncie Indiana (Pastor Lawson)

Time: 6:30 PM

Anointed Speakers for those nights are:

**Wednesday April 15th-(Aspiring) Minister Gary Jones II
(Terrestrial Temple COGIC Muncie In)**

**Thursday April 16th- Pastor Andre Mitchell
(Deliverance Temple Muncie In)**

**Friday April 17th- Elder Marwin Strong
(New Life Holiness Tabernacle Indianapolis In)**

**COME AND MAGNIFY THE LORD WITH ME LET US
EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER! SEE YOU THERE**



Celebrate with us for this special occasion. A woman of honor, dignity, great respect and an excellent role model celebrates her 90th birthday. Mollie was born in Minter City Mississippi February 5, 1919. She is one of 11 children, 6 sisters and 5 brothers. Mollie married Walter Tabb on March 6, 1938 and they began their family. Later in 1963, they moved to Chicago Illinois. Walter worked and retired from crane construction Company and was also an entrepreneur; he had successful pest control business. Mollie stayed home and cared for their children. They had ten children. Ruth Johnson, Adell Tabb, Hattie Tabb, Yvonne Tabb, Pearl Grigsby, Walter Tabb Jr., Lloyd Tabb, Dora Tabb, Joe George Tabb and Robert Tabb. Mollie has a total of 32 Grandchildren, two of which she raised like her own Annette and Marcus Tabb, 66 Great Grandchildren, 35 Great-Great Grandchildren. Her husband Walter died in September of 1994, she later moved to Muncie in 1998 where she is still in good health and moves effortlessly in the community. All well wishes and cards may be sent directly to Mollie Tabb at her home at 1601 E 2nd Street, Muncie, In. 47302. All friends and family may join us in celebration on Saturday, April 11th from 2pm to 7pm at cabin 6 in McCullough Park.

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encourages all interested applicants to visit frequently the official Ball State University Website at www.bsu.edu where open positions are listed and described in detail or call the jobline at 285-8565.



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Monthly Community Meetings

MUNCIE BLACK EXPO; 309 N. High Street	2nd Tuesday, 6:00 P.M.	Sherell Robinson, President 282-1997
Muncie Community School Board; Anthony Administration Building	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 630 P.M.	Julius Anderson ; 289 - 6639
Muncie City Council; City Hall Auditorium	1st Monday, 7:30 P.M.	Bill Shroyer; 741-9625
Muncie NAACP; Maring- Hunt Library 2005 S. High St.	2nd Thursday, 5:15 P.M.	Dr. Jayne Beilke, President
Muncie Commission On The Social Status of Black Males; Human Rights Office - City Hall	1st Tuesday, 5:00 P.M.	John Young-El; 747-9008
Widow's Son Lodge #22 Masonic Lodge, 1514 E. Willard Street	2nd & 4th Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.	Eddie J. Chappell, Worshipful Master; 759-5290
Naomi Chapter Number 11 The Order of Eastern Star Masonic Lodge, 1514 E. Willard Street	1st and 3rd Monday, 7:00 P.M.	Loretta Miller, Worthy Matron; 288-6987
Coalition of 100 Women; Kennedy Branch of Public Library	3rd Saturday, 10:30 A.M.	Linda Branson, President; 282-0492
Millie P. Hoffman Federated Club Lynd House 2410 E. McGalliard	2nd & 4th Wednesday, 3:00 P.M.	Ruth Ann Blair, President; 289-2118
Lucille Lucas Williams Federated Club	2nd Thursday, Rotating Home Meetings	Lula Mann, President; 747-5125
Whitely Neighborhood Council; 2023 E. Highland Ave. (MOMS) Unity in DiverCity Gethsemane Church United Methodist Church 1201 W. McGalliard Rd.	2nd Monday, 6:15 P.M. Yvonne Doyle & Toni Cecil, Co- President; 282-3478 or 287-0133 3rd Sat. 11:00 a.m.	 Dr Pierre Atchade, 289 - 3955
Household of Ruth #4618 Industry Neighborhood Center; 1407 S. Wolfe Street	1st Friday, 4:00 P.M.	Loretta Miller, MNG; 288-6987

4 facts YOU need to know about stroke prevention

- Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent disability
- 4 out of 5 stroke victims have no apparent warning signs
- 80% of strokes can be prevented*
- Painless ultrasound screenings can help you avoid a stroke

A stroke screening is coming to your neighborhood:

Where: Muncie - Elks Lodge #245

When: Saturday, April 18, 2009

Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-710-1913

Priority Code: FDHC-169

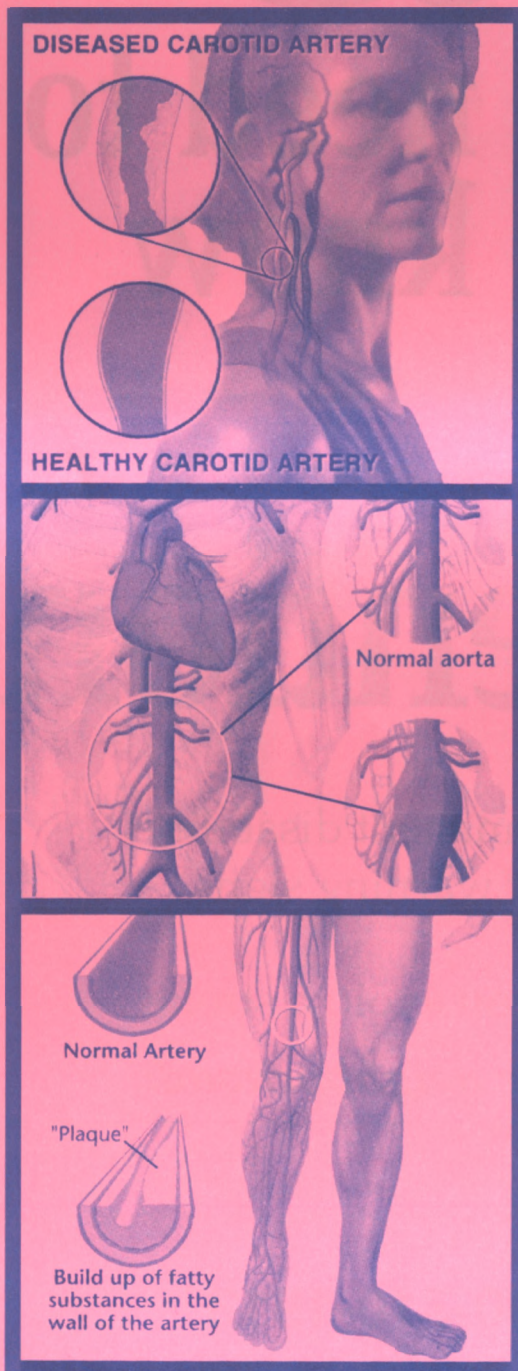
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*Source: National Stroke Association

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1. Stroke Screening/Carotid Artery

Plaque buildup (also known as atherosclerosis) is an abnormal collection of calcium and cholesterol on the artery walls. As you can see in the image at left, plaque builds up along the walls of a diseased artery. This buildup can restrict blood flow to the brain or break off and become lodged in a blood vessel – causing a stroke.

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2. Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening

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More than 15,000 U.S. residents per year die of AAAs. The good news is that AAAs can be identified in minutes via a painless, non-invasive ultrasound screening.

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Ultrasound technology is also used to screen for Peripheral Arterial Disease (plaque buildup in the arms/legs). Eight to twelve million Americans suffer from PAD.

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